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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher at Milldown CE Academy, part of the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT). Milldown is a highly sought after school in the market town of Blandford. It benefits from being adjacent to a pre school and the local secondary school. Just across the road is a nature reserve which links to the North Dorset Trailway offering some wonderful walking and cycling routes.

Our vision, "*Inspire, Believe, Achieve*" arose from collaboration with our whole school community and is lived out in every aspect of school life.

Milldown has a dedicated, skilled and caring team. Together with our governors and the Trust, we work hard to ensure that Milldown is a happy, vibrant and thriving school where children learn, achieve and grow together. We are deeply committed to educating the whole child and celebrating each child's unique gifts. Our curriculum is designed to nurture academic, emotional, social and spiritual development, and to make learning joyful, purposeful and memorable. We want our children to be curious, ambitious and confident.

Milldown has been in the Trust for a number of years and is part of the Forum Hub, where we have the privilege of working closely with other schools in the town and surrounding villages. Collaboration is at the heart of DSAT's ethos, and you will work closely with colleagues across the Trust to help realise our shared vision of going "*Beyond expectations for all of God's children.*" DSAT is a Trust that believes deeply in partnership, innovation and mutual support — we are stronger together.

We are now seeking a compassionate, inspirational and dynamic Headteacher to lead our school into the next exciting chapter of its journey. This is a role that will require strong leadership, strategic clarity, resilience and a deep commitment to our Christian vision and values. In return, you will find a school with enthusiastic and curious children, strong community links and supportive parents and carers. We hope you enjoy reading what the children have said they want to see in their next Headteacher! You will also join a team of hardworking, dedicated staff who embrace challenge and strive for excellence.

If appointed, you will be supported by a proactive and committed Academy Standards and Ethos Committee (local governors), as well as a strong and forward-thinking Trust that invests in professional learning, leadership development and collaborative improvement.

We warmly invite you to visit Milldown to see the wonderful location the school occupies and come and experience our inspiring school community. We also encourage you to arrange a conversation with Mark Lacey, CEO or Jo Hicks, Deputy CEO of DSAT. Please contact Nicki Summerill at the DSAT office to arrange this. We would also love you to visit the school – please contact the school office to make arrangements for this.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

K. Hurst

Katharine Hurst
Chair of Governors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lacey".

Mark Lacey
Chief Executive