

Some comments from staff

Ofsted made the following observations in the last inspection report:

- “Everyone is valued”
- “There is a shared commitment at all levels”
- “Team work is a strong feature”
- “Everyone plays a part”

Here are some views expressed by a range of staff giving a flavour of the school’s appeal for them:

- “It’s a friendly and supportive environment and it can be quite fun because every day is different.” (Teaching Assistant in 5th year)
- “Working in a multi ethnic and extended school has been quite interesting for me. The school works well with the community and there is a sense of living together. We also have a good staff with skilled teachers.” (Foreign Language Assistant)
- “There is a real sense of community and networking in the school overall. Here there is challenge and a sense of achievement which make you enjoy it more.” (Graduate Teacher Programme trainee in 1st term)
- “I’m here for the money! Everyone here pulls in the same direction. The salary structure is generous.” (Head of department – teacher in 36th year)
- “There is sense of community here and a great deal of mutual support. It’s a very good place in which to learn to teach and start a career because of the training and development opportunities.” (Teacher in 2nd year)
- “I’m just starting as a middle manager and am fortunate to get lots of support as well as having the opportunity for promotion in the first place.” (Head of Department – teacher in 4th year)
- “I like working here because the children are really nice children. They open doors for you and say “good morning”. We all have difficult days but here we are well supported by all staff.” (Assistant Headteacher – teacher in 14th year)
- “I like working here because of job satisfaction and the sense of pride I get when a child with whom I have been working achieves well.” (Year Coordinator – teacher in 15th year)
- “The reason I love working here is because I am given autonomy and the freedom to be as creative and imaginative as I like.” (Extended School Manager)