SCHOOL: **Whiston Junior and Infant school**
Post of : **Teacher- MPS**
Group size: **2**

The Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham is one of four metropolitan districts in the County of South Yorkshire. The borough covers an area of 118 square miles of which around half is rural in nature. The town centre is surrounded by attractive villages and rolling countryside. It is well-connected to all areas of the country by its closeness to the M1 and M18 motorways and inter-city rail network. In 2005, the opening of the Robin Hood Doncaster/Sheffield Airport has brought facilities for international travel to the borough's doorstep.

The borough has a population of about 250,000 but that figure is increasing steadily as more people are attracted by the quality of life and economic opportunities on offer. Around 40,000 children and young people are of school age. Educational facilities include 104 primary schools, three nursery centres, sixteen secondary schools and seven special schools. In addition, the Local Authority supports a thriving professional development centre, a music centre, a sailing and canoeing centre at Ulley Reservoir, and an outdoor pursuits centre in the Longdendale Valley. There are also facilities for environmental studies within the Rother Valley Recreation and Thrybergh Country Parks.

Rotherham's services for Children and Young People are increasingly recognised for high standards and innovation. The Local Authority has consequently been asked to work with national agencies and the Department for Children Schools and Families to support the shaping of national developments in the field of education and integrated service provision. The School Effectiveness Service works in close partnership with schools and units to ensure that the needs of all pupils are met. The 'Learning without Limits' partnership planning strategy, is designed to promote the local autonomy of schools within a culture of high aspirations and partnership working.

The school: **Whiston Junior and Infant School** is situated within a village community to the south of Rotherham town centre. It is easily accessible due to its close proximity to the M1 and M18 motorways.
This successful inclusive school is part of White Woods Primary Academy Trust and is very popular with both the local community and beyond which puts us in the advantageous position of always being full to capacity. There is 1 intake in September into Foundation 2. The total number on roll is 216 full time children.

School is lead by a strong SLT and staffing includes 4 full time teachers plus 6 part time teachers, 2 HLTA's, 2 cover supervisors and 8 teaching assistants. There is plenty of opportunity for staff development through in-school support and both LA and Academy INSET. The school actively involves parents and the wider community in all aspects of school life. The success of this approach can be evidenced by the large number of our parents who are extremely supportive towards the school and take a keen interest in their children's education.

The recent 1 day short inspection (May 2016) found that our school continues to be good and the inspector commented that we were on the 'brink of outstanding.' The report states: *'You, ably supported by the multi-academy trust, have maintained and built securely on the good quality of education provided by the school since the last inspection. You have high expectations of what pupils can achieve: staff and governors admire and respect the tireless way you work to ensure that all pupils learn as well as they can. They have great confidence in your leadership and share your strong sense of moral purpose. Morale is high and staff work well as a team'.*

We have links to many schools in the learning community and within White Woods Multi Academy Trust and with our 2 feeder schools, Brinsworth Academy and Oakwood; however, this year our Y6 cohort will feed into 9 Rotherham schools. The school has achieved Gold School Games award, the Healthy Schools Award, Good Practice award and the Basic Skills award.