



Dear Parents,

You may be aware that as a school we are very committed to training the next generation of teachers. I am sure your children will have told you about trainee teachers that we periodically have working in school. We are now involved in a more recent teacher training programme which is called School Direct and I wanted to make you aware of this.

School Direct is the government's preferred route into teaching, as it is almost entirely school-based. Rather than the traditional PGCE programme where trainees spend the majority of their time in university and do just two placements in schools, School Direct trainees spend the vast majority of their time in the classroom.

As a school we are always looking for quality graduates who are interested in working with children in order to train to become a primary teacher. These people might be 21 year olds currently at university or equally could be more mature individuals who are looking for a career change or who are returning to work. If you know of someone who has a degree and you think might be interested in finding out more about School Direct (it might even be you!) please ask them to make contact with me.

We have chosen to work with a large group of schools who work in partnership with the Anton Andover Alliance (AAA) as they have a long and very well established record of training high quality primary school teachers. If you want to find out more about the work of the AAA I would recommend that you have a look at their teacher training website; www.teachaaa.co.uk and follow them on twitter by searching for 'AntonAndoverTSA'

If you would like to discuss this in more detail please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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