

## WOOLGROVE STAFF COMMENTS ABOUT WORKING AT WOOLGROVE

We asked our existing staff were asked about what it was like to work at Woolgrove School. Here's what they said:

- We enjoy working at Woolgrove School because of the positive atmosphere. Staff are approachable and supportive in any situation whether it be work or personal, which makes it feel like a second home. The staff work on building positive relationships with all pupils, which supports learning throughout the school.'
- Being part of a friendly and supportive team! Staff are looked after, as well as the children. Although it can be challenging at times, I never feel like I'm left to deal with difficult situations on my own – there is always someone to provide back-up or advice (or chocolate...!)
- Wonderful spacious grounds for outdoor learning – I love it when we take the children for a woodland walk and observe the nature around us, build dens, get muddy, then all come back feeling calmer and refreshed ☐
- Woolgrove, is an amazing school to work in. I have worked here for nearly twenty years, every day is different and presents new challenges, never a dull moment.
- I am always raring to get in each morning!
- I enjoy building good relationships with colleagues and the parents at Woolgrove. This positive and strong foundation means I can be the best support I can to the children and it helps us to all work collaboratively for the best interests of the children. The children being the reason I work at Woolgrove, they are at the heart of all we do here.
- Friendly environment
- Exceptional training for staff and continually updated.
- Woolgrove is a warm and welcoming school that always puts the children's needs first.
- We love the staff camaraderie.
- Every day is different.
- It is rewarding being part of a young person's development.
- The small steps make a big difference.
- Staff wellbeing is considered important.
- There are regular training opportunities.
- Everyone is happy to help.
- School and home relationships are good.
- Trips and activities for the children are well thought out.

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- Children's learning follows a consistent programme with regular assessment to help move them forward.
- The staff are all friendly and it is like a family unit. Everyone supports each other when it is needed.
- No two days are the same, and every day has something that makes you smile.
- I love working at Woolgrove School, it is a happy family environment with a supportive, caring team that are here to meet the needs of all children and their families.
- I love working at Woolgrove School because small class sizes and the emphasis on collaboration between different ages and learning levels promotes a sense of community, support and social responsibility in both staff and pupils.
- I am fortunate enough to be a teacher at Woolgrove School and I often share with parents that I feel like I do not have a job, instead I am fortunate enough to come to school each day, interact with an awesome set of children each day and am hugely supported by the brilliant set of staff around me.”
- Each day presents challenges, which are exciting and varied. Part of the fun of working at Woolgrove is being able to think of ingenious way of solving problems to support children and their progress. The curriculum is well thought out and supports planning and teaching. The staff team is a supportive community who bind together to manage the challenges the children present.
- I love being part of a strong team who all help each other, share experiences and expertise. Teachers, SLT and support staff all work together for a collective outcome and every view is valued and respected.
- I love how when I come to work, no day is the same. We all support each other and work well as a team. We have an extensive training programme which supports professional development and gives us, as staff, confidence to work with a range of pupils.
- Because you enjoy being surrounded by people who are always full of surprises. With the unique and diverse personalities of the students and staff no two days are the same.
- You are constantly kept on your toes and every day is a new adventure.