

# The hidden power behind Whitecross

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Everyone knows who the head and deputy head is but nobody knows the person behind managing the funds for Whitecross: Mrs S Lusted. In a recent interview, Mrs Lusted gave more of an insight into what she does to help the school run smoothly and become a better place. Here are some of the questions and answers that she gave to provide a look into what she does.



What do you do to help Whitecross?

I make sure that there is enough money to pay the teachers, and buy the kit you need. I also help make sure that all aspects of the school are up to government standards such as the cafeteria, toilets and other things.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I like the most about my job is definitely looking at the money management side of things and problem solving. I also enjoy when I am able to work with students.

What does your average day consist of?

The average day is very changeable for me. With my job I will get a bucket load of tasks and have to rank them in order of importance, with the school budget things like that. I also make sure health and safety is all ok when the students have gone home.

What made you want to do your job?

I like working with finance and a job that's varied. I don't like jobs that leave you bored. I get involved with everything and in this job; you never have a chance to be bored.

Is it hard doing what you do for the school?

It is hard to a certain degree because there are a lot of responsibilities. I've got to work out what we need to spend until 2021. If I'm not accurate then we could run out of cash. It costs around £400,000 a month to run the school. So I have to make sure we have enough in the bank.

In conclusion, Mrs Lusted makes a huge difference to the school and is helping the school run smoothly each day. From managing the money to making sure the cafeteria is up to government standards and that all the food is cooked properly. With most daily activities she checked to make sure it was up to government standards and safe for students to take part in.