



DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**WHALEY THORNS
PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY**

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD TEACHER

Whaley Thorns Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Information for Candidates

<u>Date of Appointment</u>	Easter 2018																					
<u>Salary</u>	ISR: L11 – L17																					
<u>Estimated Number on Roll</u>	119																					
<u>Teaching Establishment</u>	Head + 5.5 teachers																					
<u>Head teaching commitment</u>	None																					
<u>Management Structure</u>	Head + Deputy Head + EYFS Leader																					
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Location

The school is located in the village of Langwith, within the Bolsover District, on the Nottinghamshire border. It is near to the A60 Worksop to Mansfield Road and is approximately 15 minutes away from Junction 29 of the M1.

Accommodation

Whaley Thorns Primary and Nursery School is a community school situated in Langwith, Mansfield. Built in 1927 it has been a small Secondary School, Junior School and finally a Primary School.

The main building comprises of two corridors stemming off either end of the central block of the hall, offices and staff room. A purpose built kitchen and storage area was opened in September 2003 by our local MP and the ICT suite and refurbished Library have been useful additions to our school in recent years. The school's extensive grounds include a large playground, the quiet garden, the tyre park, a trim trail, an amphitheatre, the wildlife garden, grassed areas and access to a five a-side football pitch. The Foundation Stage has a new, dedicated outdoor learning space.

In the centre of the grounds stands the Warrener building. This houses the Rainbow Room and a large room which can be hired by trainers and community groups. We also have an allotment across the road where the children grow their own fruit, flowers and vegetables.

Midday meals are served on the premises by the Derbyshire County Catering Service.

Secondary Education

Most pupils that attend Whaley Thorns Primary School from the normal area transfer to Shirebrook Academy, an 11 to 18 Comprehensive School.

OFSTED Inspection

The school was inspected in September 2017 and was judged to be a school requiring improvement.

Financial Budget 2017/18

The school's block budget for this financial year is £529,019. This combined with £6,448 Nursery funding, £74,220 Pupil Premium, £54,224 Early Years funding gives a total of £663,912.

Applications

Candidates should submit applications **online** on a DCC Teacher Application Form, together with a supporting statement letter matching their skills and experience to the headings in the Job Description and Person Specification. The letter should be no longer than 1500 words (please include word count). CVs should not be attached.

If preferred, **postal application forms** are available from Call Derbyshire on 08456 058058, quoting the job reference number attached to this post. Completed applications should be sent to Derbyshire County Council, Recruitment Section, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG, allowing sufficient delivery time to meet the deadline for applications.

In order to comply with the safer recruitment requirements candidates must fully complete the application form including the section on references. It is not acceptable to substitute parts of the form with your own version. All gaps in employment should be accounted for and explained.

References

Open testimonials are not accepted for this post and it is intended that the Local Authority will take up a professional reference from your **existing employer** and one other professional reference of your choice. ***If you are not currently working with children, references will be requested from a previous employer where this was the case. You are, therefore, requested to supply contact details for this organisation and also to alert all referees to expect a request, should you be shortlisted.*** References from relatives or people writing solely in the capacity of friends will not be accepted.

Security Checks

*Due to this post having access to children and/or vulnerable adults, candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided. **Candidates who are foreign nationals, or a UK national who has lived abroad at any point in their adult life, MUST provide a Certificate of Good Conduct prior to taking up an appointment.***

Interviews

It is intended that interviews will take place on 22 and 23 January 2018.

Candidates selected for interview will be contacted by telephone. If you have not been contacted within seven days of the proposed interview dates you should assume, on this occasion, that you have not been shortlisted for interview. Should you wish to make any further enquiries, please contact the Headship Recruitment Team on 01629 538836/538831.

The Governors will be advised by a Local Authority HR Officer and Education Advisor.

Closing Date: Monday 1 January 2018.