



May 2018

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Headteacher post at Willaston Primary Academy.

Ofsted reported that this school 'continues to be good' at our most recent inspection in April 2018. The letter, which can be found at www.willastonprimaryacademy.co.uk, gives a flavour of the work that we have been doing. However, I would urge you to have a good look at our website. As well as a host of useful information, you will also be able to read about our curriculum and see pictures of our wonderful children enjoying a range of activities this year.

The children at Willaston Primary Academy are at the heart of everything we do. They are a credit to us, and I could not be more proud to be Chair of Governors of this school. At the centre of our ethos is a commitment to lifelong learning, and we strive to teach the children the skills necessary to take this with them as they enter the next stage of their education. The children are well behaved, they are inquisitive, they are funny, they are happy and they really want to make the school a place where everyone wants to be. We actively promote a Global Learning programme in our curriculum, and the children have really engaged in this. It is an area that we want to continue to develop.

Of course, this is a result of the dedication and commitment of the staff at Willaston Primary Academy. The successful candidate will lead a team who are absolutely focussed on continual improvement, both in the outcomes of the children and the professional development of all who work here. There is a real desire amongst our staff to move the school forward, and you will find the team to be friendly and supportive. The governing body are resolute in the desire to appoint an exceptional candidate, who has the leadership and management skills to take this desire and build something special. I would highly recommend an informal visit to the school in order to experience our special atmosphere first hand.

The school has very strong ties with the local community that we serve. We are currently preparing to host the annual World Worm Charming Championship, and as a regular participant in this event, I can say that it is a special event that brings the school and community together. The event itself is organised in the main by our Friends of Willaston School Association. Their fundraising has seen us purchase a new set of laptops in this academic year and is now focussed on raising funds to develop a school library and bespoke classroom reading spaces.

There are challenges facing our school, as with any school in the current climate. We converted to an Academy in 2015, under the Derwent Trust, and we are now looking at ways to expand our MAT. The successful candidate will be expected to lead on this, and have a long term view of where to take the school. With school budgets tightening, we will look for a leader who can effectively manage a budget to ensure best value. The governing body are uncompromising in

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looking for a Headteacher who seeks to improve on our already 'good' Ofsted judgement, and will lead Willaston Primary Academy into the next stage of development.

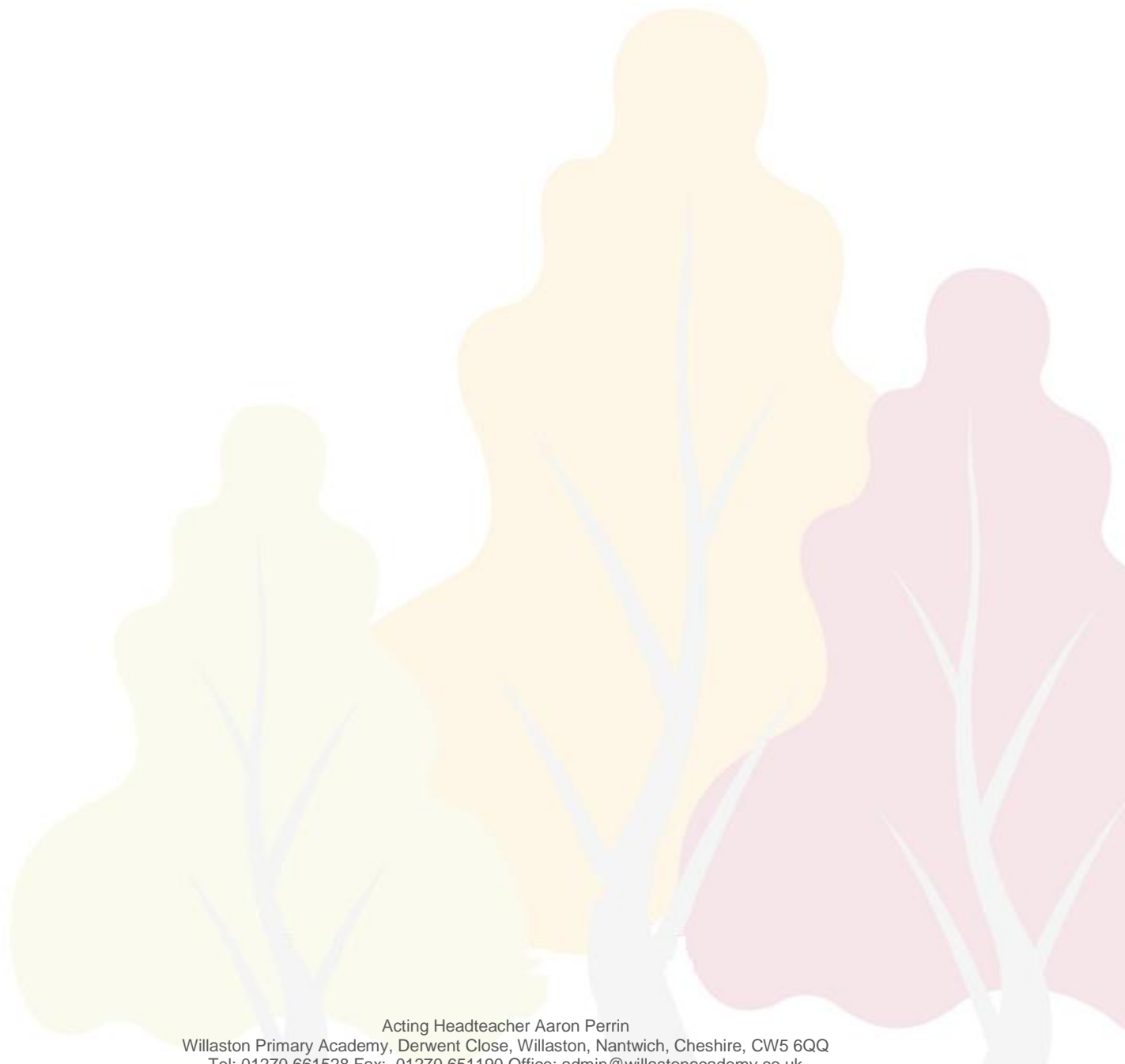
We very much welcome prospective applicants to visit the school, where you will experience our staff and children 'working together and learning forever'. Visits are scheduled for Thursday 7th June at 2pm, Tuesday 12th June at 9.30am.

If you have any questions or wish to request a visit, you can contact Olivia Armitage on 01270 661528 or email admin@willastonacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors



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