Dear Applicant,

Welcome to Horton in Ribblesdale Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School.

On behalf of the governing body, thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher.

We are a small, rural school currently with 19 pupils on roll and have a mission to nurture our children to attain their full potential and discover a love of learning.

A very high achieving school, we have been rated as Outstanding on each of our last two Ofsted’s and are currently rated as Good by SIAMs. We are a family-oriented school built upon the teachings of the Church of England. The size and structure of the school enables the children to value and support each other, leading to the development of a friendly, cohesive community.

We have strong links with the local community and, as the last remaining primary school in the valley, we enjoy a good deal of support. We have a close association with the parish church and the school and the wider community regularly come together for collective worship. In addition, we participate in the annual Gala, village show and other village events.

We pride ourselves in our diverse, imaginative curriculum offering opportunities for our children to develop through art, music and performance. The school has a large, outdoor playing field and outdoor learning/Forest school is held each week to which local pre-schoolers are invited.

We are looking for a Headteacher who is passionate about education and committed to advancing standards across the school. You would be supported by a positive governing body and staff that welcome change, providing you with the scope to shape and influence our future.

Given the complexity of the emerging education landscape, we are exploring the opportunities this presents for the school to further improve and grow. With the support of the governing body, you would be driving this agenda and leading the school through the changes which arise.

This is a unique opportunity for you to lead our school, developing its potential and building on our strengths, successes and achievements.

We very much welcome school visits and, if you’d like the opportunity to come along on the 8th or 9th September please call Christine Ecclestone (School Secretary) on 01729 860282 or email: admin@horton-in-ribblesdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Thank you again for your interest in this post and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Breare

Chair of Governors