**Information pack**

 **About the school**

Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School is situated in attractive grounds, close to the centre of Leeming Bar and adjacent to the A1. We currently have 53 children on role. Due to the school’s improving reputation in the local community and several housing developments in the area the NOR is expected to gradually increase.

We pride ourselves on providing a happy, caring and stimulating environment with a strong Christian ethos. We believe that every child is special and we work hard to nurture and develop their talents and uniqueness so they can flourish and reach their full potential. We strive for excellence in all that we do, ensuring that learning is fun and children are motivated and inspired to learn.

We benefit from the strong partnership that exists between pupils, parents, staff and governors; everyone’s contribution to all aspects of school life is valued and we believe this is essential to the success of our school.

Our school ethos is, ‘A bright beginning, a shining future’. We work aim to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where everyone feels valued and where pupils feel inspired to learn, so they become confident and independent learners who flourish and achieve their full potential.

We pride ourselves on our strong pastoral care, with a vision of enabling children to make good progress to achieve better outcomes and improve their life chances. We strive to provide clear opportunities to increase the experiences and outlook of our children and families in order to raise aspirations across the local community.

The school aims to foster effective relationships with all stakeholders, and is establishing an effective climate for learning that is created through modelling high expectations of what pupils are able to achieve and the provision of an exciting and engaging curriculum. Though there is still work to do, we believe that our school demonstrates significant potential and we are on our way to becoming a ‘good’ school.

Ofsted currently grades the school as ‘requiring improvement’, however inspectors recognised that the school was improving and attainment at the end of all three key stages in July 2017 demonstrated signs of improvement.

Teaching groups are organised into two classes, an EYFS/KS1 class and a KS2 class. Teaching assistants support classes, and a range of interventions and 1-2-1 support is also provided to accelerate the progress of vulnerable learners.

The school works with the local community in many ways and there are good links with local organisations such as the church. We work closely with the Local Authority, with other schools in the area and local teaching school alliances.

**Living in North Yorkshire**

North Yorkshire is England's largest county and one of the most rural. The area comprises the Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors, three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Pennines and a stunning coastline around Scarborough and Whitby. The area hosted the phenomenal Tour de France in 2014, and due to its success has created the Tour de Yorkshire with global recognition. There are ruined castles and abbeys, serene gardens, unique breweries, thrilling scenery and rich industrial heritage. Something for everyone!

North Yorkshire has plenty to offer the outdoor enthusiast. From the hard gritstone of Almscliff and Brimham rocks to the limestone of Malham, Gordale and Kilnsey climbing venues are in abundance. The Yorkshire Dales is the premier area for caving and for mountain biking; there are the bridleways of the Dales and North York Moors as well as the renowned trail centre at Dalby Forest. The 7 stanes trail centres are all easily accessible for days and weekends away as is the Lake District and the fells, crags and coast of Northumberland. There are a small number of sailing clubs on reservoirs around the county and fantastic, if chilly surfsport venues and sea kayaking on the east coast.

While the county is rightly known for its wide-open spaces, it also incorporates attractive market towns including Pickering and Helmsley, traditional seaside towns, the Spa town of Harrogate and the ancient city of York - the most visited city outside of London. There is a wide range of shopping, leisure and cultural facilities as well as excellent schools, universities, road and rail links, there really is everything to offer you and your family as a place to work, live and enjoy!

Travelling further afield we have convenient connectivity, with close proximity to metropolitan cities of Leeds and Newcastle, with little over two hours commute on the main train line to London. We border the Lake District, Lancashire, County Durham, and Yorkshire & Humber regions with all they have to offer.

[www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com)

**About the role and how to apply**

The governors of Aiskew and Leeming Bar CE Primary School are looking to appoint a KS1 teacher from January 2018. The current post offers an exciting opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic teacher who wishes to be actively involved in the changes currently taking place in education and in the school. There will be access to high quality professional development as the school works in collaboration with the LA and local teaching alliances to continue on its journey towards improving achievement for all our children. With this in mind we are seeking to appoint good or outstanding teachers, who are determined to provide exciting, high quality learning experiences for our children and in return will benefit from the wide range of professional development opportunities that the school has to offer. The school is also keen to promote opportunities for developing potential school leaders, and will ensure that access to CPD, support and advice from high quality and experienced colleagues is provided.

**Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School is able to offer:**

* An exciting position at an improving school
* Bespoke professional development and career progression
* Support and guidance from a leadership team with a clear vision for educational development
* A community filled with hardworking teachers, committed governors and rewarding children
* An attractive school environment that is well resourced
* Good links with other local schools and local teaching alliances
* Great transport links - situated within 5 minutes of A1 North and South
* Guaranteed pay portability

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure. We welcome applications regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion.

We very much welcome school visits and, if you’d like the opportunity to come along, please call Mrs Bentley on 01677 422403 or e mail admin@aiskewleemingbar.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 10th December 2017.

When applying please take into account the following:

Supporting information

The supporting information section of your application should clearly evidence your ability to meet the requirements we have outlined in the person specification. This section should be no more than two sides of A4 (minimum font size 11) and will be used to shortlist applicants for this role. It is therefore imperative that you provide clear, succinct and relevant evidence in this section.

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the governing body, thank you for your interest in the teaching position that we are currently advertising.

Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School is situated in Leeming Bar, not far from the historic market towns of Northallerton and Richmond and close to Catterick Garrison. It is on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors and the surrounding countryside is extremely attractive.

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Our aim at Aiskew, Leeming Bar CE Primary School is simple. We want to provide the best possible education so that our pupils achieve good outcomes and fulfill their potential. We aim to achieve this through providing pupils with good teaching, high quality learning environments, strong pastoral care and clear and effective boundaries. Together, these aspects equip and enable our children to thrive and play their part successfully within our society. Though there is still work to do, we are on our way to being recognised as a ‘good’ school.

We are looking for candidates who are determined to provide exciting, high quality learning experiences for our children, are passionate about education and committed to improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. The successful candidate will be someone who is prepared to go the extra mile and really get to know our children and their families. They will be resilient when faced with challenges and determined to ensure that even the most vulnerable pupils succeed. They will demonstrate a passion to engage children in an exciting curriculum and they will make strong and effective relationships with our staff. We also want someone who is a life-long learner, as well as contribute to the learning of others.

Ultimately the successful candidate will be able to contribute to the schools journey of improvement so that we secure the best possible outcomes for our children. It may not be easy but it will be highly rewarding!

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I should like to thank you again for your interest in this position. If you share our vision for Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School and are ready to meet these challenges, I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Watt

Executive Headteacher