



Learning for Life

KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking the time to consider applying for the post of Headteacher at our school. I hope that the following information will be helpful to you in pursuing your application.

Our school is situated in the Soothill area of Batley within a culturally diverse community. There are currently 288 pupils on roll. We have fantastic facilities, including extensive grounds with panoramic views and large grassed areas. We have close links with the pre-school which is housed within our premises, and with the residential home nearby.

The children are friendly and keen to learn. They benefit from the enthusiasm and dedication of our positive and mutually supportive staff team, who provide a stimulating and nurturing environment for learning.

We have a strong and committed Governing Body who will work with the new Headteacher to keep the school moving forward. Our main challenge is to raise the standards of achievement of all our pupils by capitalising on the existing strengths of the school.

You are welcome to visit our school and learn more about us. Please contact our office to make an appointment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Brook

Chair of Governors





OUR VISION STATEMENT

Our vision at Lydgate J&I School is to provide a high quality learning experience for our pupils in an environment where they feel happy, safe and secure. High quality teaching will enable our children to make excellent progress and achieve to the best of their abilities, wherever their strengths may lie. Our friendly and approachable nature will foster good relationships with parents and this home-school partnership will be developed for the good of the children. We will continue to improve and develop, incorporating the latest technologies in our teaching and thus equipping our children with **'learning for life.'**

In order to achieve this vision, we aim to develop in each child:

- A sense of pride and self-worth
- Respect and tolerance for each other, strengthening our community cohesion
- Honesty, truthfulness and a positive attitude to work
- High standards of behaviour and a team spirit
- Kindness and a caring attitude towards people and their environments
- Perseverance and effort in all that they do

And most of all...

- Enjoyment and a desire to learn.

In addition, we promote the following core values in all our children:

respect, happiness, aspirations, understanding, honesty, responsibility, co-operation, independence and courage.

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DIRECTORATE FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Headteacher
Location: Lydgate J&I School, Batley
Salary: Group ISR: L15 – L21

Purpose of the Job

To be responsible for all aspects of the internal organisation, professional leadership, management and control of the school and for exercising supervision over the teaching and support staff.

Consultation

In carrying out these duties, to consult, where this is appropriate, with the appropriate authority, the Governing Body, the staff of the school and the parents of its pupils.

Headteachers – overriding requirements

A Headteacher's professional duties must be carried out in accordance with and subject to:

- a. the provisions of all applicable legislation and any orders and regulations having effect under the applicable legislation, and in particular the Education Act 1996(17) and the Act;
- b. the instrument of government of the Headteacher's school;
- c. any rules, regulations or policies made either by the governing body on matters for which it is responsible, by the authority with respect to matters for which the governing body is not responsible or by the Headteacher's employers;
- d. where the school is a voluntary, foundation or foundation special school, any trust deed that applies to the school;
- e. any scheme prepared or maintained by the authority under section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(18);
- f. the terms of their appointment.

Delegation

1. Subject to paragraph 1, a Headteacher's responsibilities may be delegated to a deputy headteacher, assistant headteacher or other member of the staff in a manner consistent with their conditions of employment, having regard to the nature and extent of their management responsibilities, and maintaining a reasonable balance between work and other commitments for each teacher.

Professional responsibilities

2. A Headteacher may be required to undertake the following duties:

Whole school organisation, strategy and development

3. Provide overall strategic leadership and, with others, lead, develop and support the strategic direction, vision, values and priorities of the school.
4. Develop, implement and evaluate the school's policies, practices and procedures.

Teaching

5. Lead and manage teaching and learning throughout the school, including ensuring, save in exceptional circumstances, that a teacher is assigned in the school timetable to every class or group of pupils:
 - a) in the first, second, third and fourth key stages, for foundation and other core subjects and religious education; and,
 - b) in the preliminary stages.
6. Teach.

Health, safety and discipline

7. Promote the safety and well-being of pupils and staff.
8. Ensure good order and discipline amongst pupils and staff.

Management of staff and resources

9. Lead, manage and develop the staff, including appraising and managing performance.
10. Develop clear arrangements for linking appraisal to pay progression and advise the relevant body on pay recommendations for teachers, including on whether a teacher at the school who applied to be paid on the upper pay range should be paid on that range.
11. Organise and deploy resources within the school.
12. Promote harmonious working relationships within the school.
13. Maintain relationships with organisations representing teachers and other members of the staff.
14. Lead and manage the staff with a proper regard for their well-being and legitimate expectations, including the expectation of a healthy balance between work and other commitments.

Professional development

15. Promote the participation of staff in relevant continuing professional development.
16. Participate in arrangements for the appraisal and review of their own performance and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff.
17. Participate in arrangements for their own further training and professional

development and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff including induction.

Communication

18. Consult and communicate with the governing body, staff, pupils, parents and carers.

Work with colleagues and other relevant professionals

19. Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school including relevant external agencies and bodies.

Rights conferred

20. In addition to the provisions of paragraph 52 the following rights apply:

Dedicated headship time

21. A Headteacher is entitled to a reasonable amount of time during school sessions, having regard to their teaching responsibilities, for the purpose of discharging their leadership and management responsibilities.

Daily break

22. A Headteacher is entitled to a break of reasonable length in the course of each school day, and must arrange for a suitable person to assume responsibility for the discharge of their functions as Headteacher during that break.

As part of your wider duties and responsibilities you are required to promote and actively support the Councils responsibilities towards safeguarding. Safeguarding is about keeping people safe and protecting them from harm, neglect, abuse and injury. It is about creating safe places, being vigilant and doing something about any concerns you might have. Safeguarding relates to everyone who may be vulnerable, not just the very old and the very young. Please click [here](#) to read our safeguarding policy. Alternatively go to: <https://jobs.kirklees.gov.uk/GenText.aspx?page=page1>

HEADTEACHER PERSON SPECIFICATION

Lydgate J&I School, Batley

Note to applicants

You should provide a high quality, concise letter of application which addresses the following criteria. To be short listed candidates will initially be judged on how well they address the criteria listed as essential. Desirable criteria will be taken into account if there are a large number of applicants.

The end column indicates how the criteria will be identified; Application Form, (A) Letter of Application, (L) Interview (I) and /or References (R)

		Essential	Desirable	How identified
1	Qualifications			
1.1	Qualified Teacher Status	E		A
1.2	Evidence of further relevant professional development in school leadership such as NPQH, Higher Degree, Post Graduate Qualification		D	A
1.3	Evidence of regular and relevant professional development	E		A
2	Experience			
2.1	Experience of teaching in schools covering the full Primary age range including Foundation Stage	E		A
2.2	Substantial experience of working within a senior management team.	E		A/L
2.3	Experience of working with pupils for whom English is an additional language.	E		
3	Qualities and knowledge			
3.1	Evidence of the ability to communicate and implement a shared vision of excellence for all	E		L/I
3.2	Evidence of developing, leading and monitoring strategic plans to realise the school vision and sustain school improvement	E		L/I

3.3	Demonstrate excellent inter-personal skills to secure positive relationships and attitudes towards pupils, staff, parents, Governors and the wider community	E		I/R
3.4	Evidence of developing successful leadership and management qualities, demonstrating the ability to lead by example	E		L/I
3.5	Experience of leading and empowering staff and pupils to excel	E		L/I
3.6	A knowledge of current and future educational developments, national policy and research and their potential to enhance school self-Improvement	E		L
4	Developing pupils and staff			
4.1	Experience of securing excellent teaching through a clear understanding of how pupils learn and of the core features of successful classroom practice and curriculum design, leading to successful outcomes in terms of pupils' achievement and well-being	E		L/I
4.2	Experience of organising and sharing best practice within and between schools, to establish a culture of professional Development	E		L/I
4.3	An ability to create an ethos in which all staff are supported to develop their own skills and subject knowledge	E		L/I
4.4	Evidence of coaching and developing staff at all levels, which builds upon emerging talents, in order to secure standards of excellence	E		L/I
4.5	Experience of holding staff to account for their professional conduct and practice, providing challenge and taking appropriate action when performance is unsatisfactory	E		L/I
4.6	Evidence of developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children	E		L/I
4.7	Evidence of ensuring staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to promote equality, respect diversity and challenge stereotypes to promote the rights of pupils	E		L/I
5	Accountability - Systems and Processes			
5.1	Ability to undertake school self-evaluation using a range of evidence including performance data and external evaluations for monitoring whole school progress to improve outcomes for all pupils	E		L/I
5.2	Experience of setting ambitious standards for all pupils, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality, ensuring the accountability of staff for the impact of their work	E		L/I
5.3	Experience of presenting a clear account of the school's performance to members of the school community, including Governors, to enable others to fulfil their responsibilities		D	L

5.4	Experience of establishing clear policies and practice throughout the school and implementing procedures to monitor and evaluate their impact	E		L
5.5	An understanding of developing distributed leadership, through building teams with clear roles and responsibilities	E		L/I
5.6	Experience of implementing rigorous, fair and transparent systems and measures for managing the performance of all staff, addressing under performance, supporting staff to improve and valuing excellent practice	E		L/I
5.7	Knowledge of how to provide a safe, calm, well-ordered environment for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing exemplary behaviour in school and in the wider society	E		L/I
5.8	Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the Governing Body and how the Headteacher supports Governors to ensure they fulfil their duties effectively	E		L/I
5.9	Demonstrate an understanding of curriculum-led financial planning which ensures the appropriate deployment of budgets and resources in the best interests of pupils' achievements and the schools sustainability	E		L
6	The self-improving school system			
6.1	Experience of working collaboratively with other schools, agencies, the wider community, including faith communities, to enrich the learning experiences of pupils	E		L
6.2	Ability and enthusiasm to engage in a partnership with families and carers, to enhance children's enjoyment, well-being, achievement and	E		L/I
6.3	An ability and enthusiasm to promote the school within the local community and beyond		D	L/I
6.4	Experience of implementing innovative change which has impacted positively on outcomes for all pupils, including SEND	E		L/I
6.5	An ability to inspire and influence others to believe in the fundamental importance of education in young peoples' lives and to promote the value of education.	E		L/I

7.	Safeguarding children			
7.1	Knowledge, understanding, experience of and commitment to Child Protection, safer recruitment and safeguarding policies and procedures.	E		L/I/R
7.2	Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with pupils	E		I/R
7.3	Willingness to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Please note a conviction may not exclude candidates from employment but will be considered as part of the selection process.	E		A/I
7.4	Fully supportive references	E		R
7.5	Willingness to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Please note a conviction may not exclude candidates from employment but will be considered as part of the selection process.	E		A/I