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Letter to prospective candidates

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to consider applying for the post of Head Teacher of Staincliffe Church of England Junior School

We are looking to appoint, for a September start, an inspiring leader who will utilise their coaching, communication and collaboration skills to build effective relationships with our children, parents and carers, staff, governors and the wider community. We are looking for a Head Teacher with the drive, skills and enthusiasm to work with us and the whole school team to continue our school improvement in standards whilst retaining the happy and supportive atmosphere that allows our pupils and staff to flourish.

At Staincliffe, we are proud to be a Church school at the centre of a multicultural community. Within our Staincliffe family, we respect and trust each other. We aim high and succeed with love, courage and joy in our hearts.

Staincliffe CE (C) Junior School, serves a residential urban area on the boundary of Batley and Dewsbury. We are a 3 form entry junior school with 343 pupils currently on roll, 98% of whom come from a Muslim background. The number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals is higher than the national average. We have a wonderful site and facilities, an experienced and dedicated staff team and a supportive community. Our aspirations for our children are high, and we encourage them to be courageous in their learning and trust in their abilities in order to prosper.

The school was rated as 'good' by OFSTED in November 2017 and our strengths included:

- Pupils who are eager to learn and behave well in class and around the school.
- Good teaching, learning and assessment, which ensures that all groups of pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics.
- School leaders and governors who have an effective focus on the quality of education that the school provides, especially in relation to the curriculum and pupils' outcomes.

Our last Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools inspection gave these concluded outcomes:

- This is an inclusive, happy, harmonious school where the pupils feel safe, valued and respected.
- One child said 'Our school is special because we are like one big family'
- Pupils are well supported both academically and spiritually to make good progress.

I hope you take the opportunity to come along and visit the school prior to submitting your application in order that you can get a feel for our ethos and gain an understanding of our strengths and areas for development.

I look forward to receiving your application, which should outline your experience and how you meet the requirements of the post.

Yours sincerely Moin Patel Chair of Governors











