

Gorsey Bank Primary School  
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Headteacher: Mrs Lisa Woolley



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a teaching post at one of the primary schools in our Multi Academy Trust. Gorsey Bank is the lead primary in the Laurus Trust and Cheadle Hulme Primary is our brand new free school opening in September 2018. We hope that the information provided gives an insight into the values of our Trust and the role of our schools within it.

Gorsey Bank Primary School is a two form entry primary school situated to the south of Manchester. The school serves a mainly professional catchment area where the expectations of parents are extremely high. We converted to academy status on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and joined the Laurus Trust. We have 420 children on roll at Gorsey Bank and they are organised into fourteen classes from Reception to Year 6. (There are two classes in each year group).

Cheadle Hulme Primary School is a brand new two form entry free school opening in September 2018 with a cohort of 60 Reception pupils and 26 Nursery aged children. Accommodated in state of the art, purpose built facilities, Cheadle Hulme Primary School will grow to be a 420 pupil primary school by 2024. The creation of a first rate Early Years setting is therefore our initial priority.

The pupils are our most important consideration and successful candidates must be able to articulate what they believe to be the essential qualities necessary to form positive and meaningful, professional relationships with children. We want school to be an enjoyable and exciting experience; a place where children feel safe and secure, where they feel valued and cared for. We believe children need to be fully engaged in the learning process and we would look to each candidate to demonstrate their ability to capture this important element in their teaching.

Every member of our school community is committed to playing an active role in a vigilant culture that is committed to pupil well-being and safeguarding.

Learning is central to our work and we strive to ensure a cross-curricular, skills-based approach to curriculum management with a strong emphasis on first-hand experience to secure knowledge and understanding.

Teamwork lies at the heart of our culture and we endeavour to secure a supportive learning environment for all. All teachers lead a subject area and provide planning and resource support for colleagues. More senior staff also take on additional roles and responsibilities as part of the distributed leadership model we operate within.

We adopt a proactive approach to partnership with parents. This approach is supported by regular meetings, curriculum workshops and through informal discussions. Expectations of staff and pupils are extremely high and we are committed to continuous improvement.

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Gorsey Bank is a dynamic and energetic environment in which to work and all staff must be able to bring exceptionally high levels of commitment to their day-to-day job. An individual who has the capacity to initiate ideas in order to enhance the work of the school would be greatly valued and will thrive in our school community. Staff at Cheadle Hulme Primary will be required to bring the same dynamism and energy.

We wish to appoint exceptional practitioners who can deliver an exciting curriculum based on first hand experiences. They must also be keen to develop independence, resilience and an appropriately challenging curriculum for all children.

The positions we are advertising offer applicants the opportunity for an enhanced programme of Professional Learning and cross-trust working as we are committed to continuous development and career progression. Successful candidates will receive a comprehensive induction and will benefit from the 'Reasons to Work in a Laurus School' detailed in this pack.

We would welcome applications from candidates who feel they meet or exceed the criteria outlined in the enclosed person specification. Flexible working and/or start dates may be considered.

## Applicants

- Applicants are requested to complete a Laurus Trust application form and return it, with a letter of application by **no later than 12 noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** to the Head Teacher, Mrs. L. Woolley, Gorsey Bank Primary School, Altrincham Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5NQ. Tel: 01625 468040 / email [admin@gorseybank.net](mailto:admin@gorseybank.net)
- Shortlisted candidates will be informed on the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> January by telephone and email. If you have not heard from us by the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 then please take it that you have been unsuccessful with your application on this occasion.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to visit the school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. The tour should last no longer than an hour.
- Lesson observations will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January (pm) or Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in each candidate's own school or at Gorsey Bank if this is not possible.
- Presentations and interviews will take place from 8.30am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. (Please allow the full day for this.) Details about each aspect of this part of the process will be provided in your invite to interview letter.

We are very proud of our lead primary school and excited about our future within the Laurus Trust as we establish our first brand new primary school in Cheadle Hulme. If you are excited about what you have learned about us too and feel you can make a positive difference, then we would welcome an application from you!

Mrs Lisa Woolley  
Executive Head Teacher

Mr Joe Maguire  
Head of School (GBPS)

Mrs Elise Drake  
Head of School (CHPS)

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