



**The Loyne
Specialist School**

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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at the Loyne Specialist School. Due to the retirement (December 2026) of our current Headteacher we are now looking to appoint a Headteacher with enthusiasm, relevant SEND experience and commitment to enabling our teachers to maintain the high-quality teaching and learning within our school. The successful candidate will need enthusiasm for sharing our outstanding practice with other schools, and have a vision that can build on our achievements and take the school forward into the next phase of its development. We are at an exciting point in the life of the school with the expansion of a separate building for our FE students that also supports the authorities' need for SEND spaces and offers new possibilities for school development.

Since 2007, we have received five 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgments in all areas. Our present Headteacher continuing the school's legacy with two additional Outstanding OFSTED judgements which reflect the collective effort, professionalism and dedication of the staff, governors and parents. Under the dedicated leadership of the current Headteacher supported by a strong senior leadership team the school has flourished. By '*Working together and valuing achievement*' we have received a diverse range of curriculum-related awards that are the outcome of inspiring creative commitment of staff. We have also benefitted from pedagogically driven site enhancement including age-appropriate outdoor areas, polytunnels for horticulture, cycle track, wildlife and well-resourced play areas.

To ensure our pupils' health, care and social needs and their families are effectively supported we have a dedicated Pastoral Lead, Speech and Language Therapist and Health Needs Manager who work collaboratively with other professionals including Health, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. We have a strong reputation for sharing good practice with local schools. The capacity to maintain, strengthen and share our high-quality practice reflects our commitment to continuous professional development for all staff and Leading Parent Partnership Award for our collaboration with families.

The Loyne Specialist School offers quality education for children and young people with a range of learning difficulties. We currently have 121 pupils on roll, aged between 4 and 19 years, which includes a well-established and vibrant Further Education Centre for our students aged 16 and over. In 2019 we created Grizedale, a post-19 Centre offering a bespoke package of lifelong learning opportunities catering for the physical, social, emotional, health and wellbeing needs of young adults.

The school's educational vision is to enable pupils to achieve their full potential by delivering a stimulating and holistic curriculum that responds to each learner. Our pupils



are at the centre of everything we do, and we firmly believe in creating a safe, happy and positive environment in which our pupils can learn and prepare for life after school.

Governors, staff, parents/carers and our pupils are looking for a leader who is an outstanding teacher, who can sustain the school's inclusive ethos and drive the school forward whilst maintaining quality and excellence throughout. If you believe you have the vision, qualities and experience we are looking for then we very much look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'AM Houghton'.

Dr. Ann-Marie Houghton | Chair of Governors