**Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

**Salary: £155,000-£165,000**

Required for January 2023 or earlier by arrangement with the successful candidate

*This is a nationally unique opportunity to be joining one of the most respected and high performing trusts in the country.*

The GORSE Academies Trust is renowned for its work in transforming the life chances of children and young people from some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country. Based in the Leeds city region the trust has formed a model of excellence which is receiving national attention because of its positive impact on all pupils including large numbers from very poor white communities. The trust has grown slowly and with great care since it was formed in 2011 and it is still the case that our schools work together in an intimate and highly productive manner.

This role which is of obvious critical importance in the trust as we go forward in to the next 5 years of our work recognises a deliberate movement on the part of our trustees to strengthen our work on succession planning and to remove any unwanted barriers that exist between the different phases of education. The successful candidate will work closely with our Chief Executive Officer on all aspects of strategic and operational delivery, our trustees and Principals and senior colleagues across all schools. The successful candidate will also lead on some of our most important projects linked to trust growth.

It is likely that you have already established an impressive track record of leadership within a similar setting, including at some point in your career the successful leadership of a school. You will need to have a determination to focus on changing the opportunities available to children whose lives are characterised by privation and an expert understanding of what causes those children to excel in their learning. You will also need to be able to display your support for our values which are built upon diligence, integrity, rectitude and kindness.

Should you wish to have an informal discussion about this role or to arrange to visit our trust then please do so through contacting the Chief Executive Officer’s Personal Assistant Christine Watson at christine.watson@tgat.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Monday 16 May 2022 (noon). We intend to hold a two day selection process on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May 2022.

The GORSE Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and we expect our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to full employment checks, including an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and satisfactory references.

We promote diversity and aim to establish a workforce that reflects the population of Leeds.