



# Netherthorpe Primary School



Deputy Headteacher Information Pack



## Deputy Headteacher Netherthorpe Primary School

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L8-12 (£59,167.00-£65,286.00), starting point dependent on experience

To start January 2025

Are you looking for a school leadership position where no two days are the same? Where children love learning and diversity is celebrated? Where a dedicated staff team shares a positive ethos and everyone is valued and cared for?

Netherthorpe Primary is a vibrant and inclusive one-form-entry school close to the heart of the city. We are looking for someone who cares for children and sees their education as something that includes, but is not limited to, academic achievement. We are seeking a school leader who will work with our parents to ensure our pupils are happy, confident, kind and respectful of one another's individuality. The teacher we recruit will have high aspirations, not only for their own career but for every single one of our children.

Our strength at Netherthorpe is the diversity of the community we serve. Our children love coming to school and share a passion for learning. The majority speak an additional language – at any one time there are approximately 20 different languages spoken across school. This creates rich and exciting learning opportunities for the whole school community.

Due to the current role holder taking up headship, we are looking for a passionate and creative Deputy Headteacher who not only shares our inclusive ethos but wants to bring their own fresh ideas to the work we do.

Alongside a 0.4 teaching commitment, the appointed candidate will:

- look forward to engaging with our supportive community of parents, carers and wider stakeholders

- work alongside the Headteacher and Netherthorpe's dedicated staff team to further develop the excellent teaching and learning that takes place here
- have the opportunity to develop specific areas of their own expertise for the benefit of both their career and the school

In return, we can provide the successful candidate with:

- the opportunity to work with our amazing and hard-working children
- the Headteacher and governing body's commitment to your ongoing professional development
- the chance to make your mark on the Netherthorpe community as you progress on your leadership journey

School visits are strongly encouraged. To arrange an appointment, please contact the School Business Manager, Sarah Skelton, on 0114 2726384. To discuss the role informally, please ask to speak to the headteacher, Elizabeth Gray. Completed application forms, and any queries about the recruitment process, should be addressed to [recruitment@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk)

Netherthorpe is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and we expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974. All shortlisted candidates will be asked to disclose any cautions or convictions prior to interview. The amendments to the ROA Exceptions Order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are therefore not subject to disclosure to employers. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and a Children's Barred List check. Candidates are asked to read the school's safeguarding policy, which is available at:

[www.netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk/page/safeguarding-at-netherthorpe](http://www.netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk/page/safeguarding-at-netherthorpe)





# Our Ethos and Values

The school's vision is underpinned by our aims and values. At Netherthorpe Primary School we undertake to:

- Provide a broad, stimulating, creative curriculum that engages and motivates pupils.
- Raise levels of attainment for all pupils, enabling every individual to achieve his or her personal best.
- Develop confident, disciplined and enquiring learners, able to make informed choices.
- Foster a love of learning.
- Promote self-esteem, resilience and personal responsibility, linked to respect for the needs and feelings of others.
- Facilitate considerate and positive relationships between all members of the school community.
- Ensure equal opportunities in relation to gender, ethnicity, faith, social class and special needs.
- Provide a safe and happy work place.
- Promote a thoughtful attitude towards the immediate and wider environment.
- Enable the development of literacy, numeracy and social skills essential for adult life.
- Providing lessons which are prepared, structured and paced to make effective use of time.
- Ensuring differentiation of learning intentions by outcome, task or adult support as appropriate.
- Valuing and celebrating pupils' success and achievements.
- Ensuring that lesson objectives and success criteria are stated clearly and concisely and are understood by pupils.
- Maintaining effective communication with parents.

Pupils contribute to effective learning by:

- Attending school regularly.
- Being punctual and ready to begin lessons on time.
- Being organised e.g. taking letters home promptly, returning reading books.
- Conducting themselves in an orderly

manner.

- Showing respect for themselves and for others.
- Being positive and encouraging to other pupils.
- Following the school's Golden Rules.
- Making full use of the opportunities with which they are provided.
- Actively participating in all learning opportunities with a growth mind-set.
- Taking growing responsibility for their own learning.

Parents contribute to effective learning by:

- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly and punctually.
- Allowing and enabling children to take increasing responsibility as they progress throughout the school, e.g. for uniform, equipment and homework.
- Providing support for discipline within the school.
- Offering encouragement and praise to their children and celebrating successes.
- Giving due importance to homework including reading with their children.
- Keeping staff informed of any changes in children's circumstances which may affect their learning.
- Bringing any concerns they may have to school at the earliest opportunity.

Governors contribute to effective learning by:

- Challenging and supporting the leadership of the school.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of school development plans at a strategic level.
- Knowing the school well and understanding its context.
- Ensuring that the school's budget is well spent and focuses on priorities identified by the school that are based on evidenced need.
- Attending School Development Planning INSET (or make provision for views to be represented).







Please use the personal statement of the application form to demonstrate how you meet the various elements of the person specification. Please provide examples and evidence, wherever possible, of positive outcomes.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 11.59pm on Sunday 21st September 2025. Completed forms (and any enquiries) should be submitted to [recruitment@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@netherthorpe.sheffield.sch.uk). School visits are encouraged.

An assessment centre and interviews will take place on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October 2025.

The assessment centre will consist of a series of job-related exercises designed to give candidates the opportunity to demonstrate the key attitudes, skills and knowledge required for the post. Shortlisted candidates will be fully briefed ahead of the process.





# Deputy Headteacher job description

<b>Salary range:</b>	<b>L8 - 12</b>
<b>Role of the Deputy Headteacher:</b>	<p>A deputy headteacher, in addition to carrying out the professional duties of a teacher other than a headteacher including those duties particularly assigned by the headteacher, must play a major role under the overall direction of the headteacher in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• formulating the aims and objectives of the school;</li> <li>• establishing the policies through which they are to be achieved;</li> <li>• managing staff and resources to that end;</li> <li>• monitoring progress towards their achievement;</li> <li>• and undertake any professional duties of the headteacher reasonably delegated by the headteacher</li> </ul> <p>If the headteacher is absent from the school, a deputy headteacher must undertake their professional duties to the extent required by the headteacher or the relevant body or, in the case of a foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school, the governing body.</p> <p><i>(Paragraph 49, School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document)</i></p>
<b>Responsible to:</b>	The Headteacher, the Governing Body and the Executive Director, Children Young People & Families, Sheffield City Council
<b>Responsible for:</b>	The teaching and support staff of the school and its children and young people.
<b>The Deputy Headteacher will be expected to work with the Headteacher to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfil all the requirements and duties set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document relating to the Conditions of Employment of Headteacher.</li> <li>• Meet the standards set out in the guidance document National Standards of Excellence for Headteachers 2015.</li> <li>• Achieve any performance criteria, objectives or targets agreed with or set by the School's Governing Body in accordance with the requirements set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.</li> <li>• Understand fully the current legal requirements, national and local policies and guidance on safeguarding and the promotion of the wellbeing of children and young people and ensure that all requirements are met.</li> </ul>

# Job Description

Detailed below are the 24 characteristics expected of an excellent school leader, divided into the four 'Excellence As Standard' domains. The Governing Body has identified these as the specific characteristics that are vital for the post to ensure the school is led effectively.

This job description will be subject to annual review as part of the performance management cycle.

Domain One Qualities & Knowledge	Domain Two Pupils & Staff	Domain Three Systems & Processes	Domain Four The Self-Improving School System
<p><i>Deputy Headteachers:</i></p> <p>1. Hold and articulate clear values and moral purpose, focused on providing a world-class education for the pupils they serve.</p>	<p><i>Deputy Headteachers:</i></p> <p>1. Demand ambitious standards for all pupils, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality, instilling a strong sense of accountability in staff for the impact of their work on pupils' outcomes.</p>	<p><i>Deputy Headteachers:</i></p> <p>1. Ensure that the school's systems, organisation and processes are well considered, efficient and fit for purpose, upholding the principles of transparency, integrity and probity.</p>	<p><i>Deputy Headteachers:</i></p> <p>1. Create outward-facing schools which work with other schools and organisations - in a climate of mutual challenge - to champion best practice and secure excellent achievements for all pupils.</p>
<p>2. Demonstrate optimistic personal behaviour, positive relationships and attitudes towards their pupils and staff, and towards parents, governors and members of the local community.</p>	<p>2. Secure excellent teaching through an analytical understanding of how pupils learn and of the core features of successful classroom practice and curriculum design, leading to rich curriculum opportunities and pupils' well-being.</p>	<p>2. Provide a safe, calm and well-ordered environment for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing their exemplary behaviour in school and in the wider society.</p>	<p>2. Develop effective relationships with fellow professionals and colleagues in other public services to improve academic and social outcomes for all pupils.</p>
<p>3. Lead by example - with integrity, creativity, resilience, and clarity - drawing on their own scholarship, expertise and skills, and that of those around them.</p>	<p>3. Establish an educational culture of 'open classrooms' as a basis for sharing best practice within and between schools, drawing on and conducting relevant research and robust data analysis.</p>	<p>3. Establish rigorous, fair and transparent systems and measures for managing the performance of all staff, addressing any under-performance, supporting staff to improve and valuing excellent practice.</p>	<p>3. Challenge educational orthodoxies in the best interests of achieving excellence, harnessing the findings of well evidenced research to frame self-regulating and self-improving schools.</p>
<p>4. Sustain wide, current knowledge and understanding of education and school systems locally, nationally and globally, and pursue continuous professional development.</p>	<p>4. Create an ethos within which all staff are motivated and supported to develop their own skills and subject knowledge, and to support each other.</p>	<p>4. Welcome strong governance and actively support the governing board to understand its role and deliver its functions effectively – in particular its functions to set school strategy and hold the headteacher to account for pupil, staff and financial performance.</p>	<p>4. Shape the current and future quality of the teaching profession through high quality training and sustained professional development for all staff.</p>

## Job Description continued

5. Work with political and financial astuteness, within a clear set of principles centred on the school's vision, ably translating local and national policy into the school's context.	5. Identify emerging talents, coaching current and aspiring leaders in a climate where excellence is the standard, leading to clear succession planning.	5. Exercise strategic, curriculum-led financial planning to ensure the equitable deployment of budgets and resources, in the best interests of pupils' achievements and the school's sustainability.	5. Model entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to school improvement, leadership and governance, confident of the vital contribution of internal and external accountability.
6. Communicate compellingly the school's vision and drive the strategic leadership, empowering all pupils and staff to excel.	6. Hold all staff to account for their professional conduct and practice.	6. Distribute leadership throughout the organisation, forging teams of colleagues who have distinct roles and responsibilities and hold each other to account for their decision making.	6. Inspire and influence others - within and beyond schools - to believe in the fundamental importance of education in young people's lives and to promote the value of education.

**The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The Deputy Headteacher must ensure that the highest priority is given to following guidance and regulations to safeguard children and young people.**

**The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).**



## Person Specification

The 'National Standards of Excellence for Headteachers' can be used to underpin and shape role descriptions and person specifications for leadership posts. A Deputy Headteacher will require specific professional knowledge, skills, attributes, experience, training and qualifications in order to carry out effectively the main functions of the role as set out in the job description. In your personal statement, you should demonstrate how well your knowledge, skills and experience meet the requirements of the person specification. The shortlisting decision will be based on how well your application demonstrates that you meet the person specification.

### Qualifications and experience

#### Candidates should have:

1	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
2	Experience across the appropriate age range(s)
3	Evidence of recent leadership experience that has contributed to school self-evaluation and the development of whole school priorities
4	Supported whole school strategic improvement to improve pupil outcomes
5	Evidence of recent, appropriate leadership development

### Personal qualities

#### Candidates should:

1	Demonstrate a passion for teaching and learning
2	Communicate effectively and develop positive relationships with all stakeholders in the school community
3	Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills
4	Be decisive, consistent and focused on solutions
5	Demonstrate the capacity to lead others, be reflective, resilient and adaptable
6	Be able to motivate and inspire others
7	Listen carefully and consider the views of others

### Skills

#### Candidates should be able to:

1	Support a vision for the school and secure commitment to it from others
2	Demonstrate their involvement in the interpretation and analysis of data to accurately inform school improvement and to monitor pupil progress
3	Support systematic and rigorous whole school monitoring and evaluation
4	Demonstrate their ability to plan to support whole school priorities and improve pupil outcomes
5	Evidence their work in collaboration with other schools, fellow professionals and external organisations to improve outcomes
6	Support the development of teaching and learning in school
7	Have excellent organisational skills, prioritising and managing time well under pressure, to meet deadlines

Professional knowledge and understanding	
Candidates should:	
1	Be committed to securing equality of opportunity for pupils in school
2	Have an understanding of curriculum and assessment developments and how they support pupil's learning
3	Have a secure knowledge of what constitutes highly effective and its impact on the outcomes for all pupils
4	Maintain high standards of pupil behaviour and attitudes to learning
5	Have experience of supporting vulnerable pupils in school
6	Take a lead in the supporting staff in their professional development

Safeguarding	
Candidates should have:	
1	Knowledge of national and local safeguarding guidance
2	Experience of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
3	A commitment to co-operate and work with relevant agencies to protect children and young people
4	Knowledge of best practice and procedures for safeguarding children and young people





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