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Dear applicant

Thank you for your interest in the position of deputy headteacher at Saddleworth School. As headteacher designate, I can say that I am really excited to be leading this school and relishing the challenges ahead. However, I do so with great confidence as this is a school with huge potential, and I am determined and committed to ensuring that the children here get a great education.

This post will play key role in ensuring Saddleworth delivers this great education and is a fabulous opportunity for an ambitious and experienced senior leader to be part of a renewed leadership team. Furthermore, this role will provide excellent experience for an inspiring headteacher. This journey to excellence will be supported at every step by The Cranmer Education Trust ([Cranmer Education Trust | A growing school trust in Oldham](#)), our wider Teaching School Hub ([East Manchester Teaching School Hub - Proud to be part of the Cranmer Education Trust](#)) and SCITT ([Manchester Nexus SCITT - Teach today, change tomorrow](#)).

Located in a beautiful rural setting, but close to the motorway network and rail links, the 10 FE school serves a population of young people from the Saddleworth Villages and into Oldham. Pupil Premium is 25%. SEN (E) 2.6%, SEN (K) 12.1%.

The building is new, opened in March 2022. Both indoor and outdoor facilities are amazing. The school is very much a community hub providing much-appreciated facilities for local groups and societies. Our young people are articulate, ambitious, generous of spirit. They want to succeed. Parental support is high. There are many loyal and committed staff who are dedicated to the young people and the school, and want the best for them.

Our deputy headteacher must be a leader and a team player. We are here for Team Saddleworth, with this post focusing on inclusion to enable every young person to belong, to achieve and to flourish in our school. It is a responsibility that requires absolute moral purpose, high-level thinking and systems and structures planning, and excellent communication. As

with all leadership posts, resilience is essential. It is not a requirement that applicants already hold a SEN leadership qualification, but it is essential that you know what good SEND provision means and are willing to undertake the qualification within 2 years of taking up post.

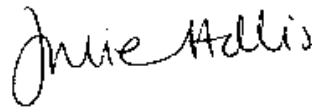
Saddleworth joined Cranmer in RI, so there is a lot to do. Progress is happening. The new deputy headteacher will have every support from the trust as much as the school and will never doubt the importance and impact of what they are doing as we get Saddleworth flying. Details of how the trust works with schools at different stages of the improvement journey are included in the application pack.

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Angela Reece (Tel: 01457 872072 / email: areece@saddleworthschool.org. Informal conversations are also possible by arrangement with Mireille Mawdsley, Company Secretary & Trust Executive Assistant (info@cranmeredt.org).

Yours sincerely



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