

Person Specification Deputy Headteacher

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Essential on appointment	Desirable on appointment
Professional Qualifications and Training	
• Degree	Leadership qualifications or evidence of
 Qualified Teacher Status 	higher level academic study
 Evidence of Professional Development in 	
preparation for Deputy Leadership	
Knowledge	
 Strong knowledge of the primary curriculum and 	 Understanding of school finances and
Early Years Framework	financial management
 Strong data analysis skills 	 Understanding of the role of a governing
 Ability to use data to set targets, identify weakness 	body
and ensure progress	 Experience of writing school policies and
 Understanding of what constitutes quality first 	procedures
teaching and the characteristics of an effective	Knowledge of Special Educational Needs
school, with the ability to model and coach others in	
this	
High expectations of pupil performance and	
behaviour and the interpersonal skills to achieve	
excellent relationships with all	
 Highly effective communication and interpersonal 	
skills	
 Ability to communicate, and inspire in all, the 	
school's ethos and aims	
 Strong knowledge and application of Safeguarding 	
procedures	
Experience	
 Substantial, successful teaching experience across 	Recent experience of a senior leadership
the primary age range	role in a primary setting
 Involvement in school self-evaluation and 	Experience of budget monitoring and
development planning	resource deployment
Successful leadership and management experience	Experience in core subject leadership
in a school	Experience working with SEN, EAL and
Experience of contributing to staff development	disadvantaged children
Experience of working in and leading effective staff	 A flexible leadership style, adapting as
teams	necessary to the day-to-day, often
Ability to listen and act on advice, willing to learn	unexpected demands of a primary school
Ability to mentor and coach to improve the quality	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
of teaching	
Ability to motivate both staff and children	
Occupational Skills	
Recent understanding of appraisal and performance	Experience of presenting reports to
management strategies	Governors
Recent experience of school self-evaluation strategies	Recent experience of successful mentoring and coaching to improve performance.
strategies	and coaching to improve performance
Experience of communicating whole school priorities through School Development Plans	
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Personal Qualities

- An inspirational team player
- Ability to support staff at all levels
- Commitment to confidentiality, safeguarding, equality and equity
- Strong self-motivation
- The ability to ensure plans and processes are followed up and completed
- Emotional intelligence, able to demonstrate empathy and tailor communication to individuals and circumstances
- Positive and hopeful
- A good listener
- Capacity to remain calm under pressure
- Commitment to ensure that our children are at the heart of every decision