



Deputy Headteacher

Leadership Scale L14-18

Would you relish the opportunity to be part of the leadership team in a highly inclusive and innovative establishment? Willow Bank School is an LA-maintained SEMH provision for pupils aged 8-16. We have recently moved into a purpose-built new building with outstanding facilities. We believe Willow Bank School is a centre of best practice for personal development, pastoral care and teaching and learning.

The previous Deputy Headteacher has been successful in their recent application for Headship. We are now seeking a talented successor who can help build on the schools' achievements while bringing their own fresh ideas and distinctive style to Willow Bank School. We are looking for a Deputy Headteacher who has the drive, commitment and ability to support us in our next steps to outstanding.

As the new Deputy Headteacher, you will enjoy working closely with our Headteacher and a talented senior leadership team, benefiting from the support and challenge of an experienced and approachable governing board. The role includes day-to-day responsibility for much of the operational running of the school, helping to provide a great education for all and ensuring the wellbeing of our whole school community. The exact responsibilities will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

If you are a highly effective leader with a natural leaning towards collaborative working, who will help to fulfil the potential of staff and children alike, and you are able to use an adaptive style to best meet the needs of the whole school community, we would love to hear from you. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be part of the next chapter in the development of Willow Bank School, shaping the lives of young people in St Helens.

In April 2022, Ofsted judged Willow Bank School as "Good".

We strongly encourage visits to school prior to applying. We will be offering tours of our school with the Headteacher on:

- Thursday 13th March, 9am to 10am
- Friday 14th March, 10am to 11am
- Tuesday 18th March, 2pm to 3pm
- Friday 21st March 9:45am to 10:45am

Please email Mrs Rachel Savage (School Business Manager) to book a place: willowbank@sthelens.org.uk

Closing Date for Applications: 9am, Wednesday 26th March

Proposed Interview Dates: Shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited to attend a two-day interview on **Monday 31st March** and **Tuesday 1st April**. A second round of shortlisting may take place at the end of day one.

How To Apply:

- To apply for this role, please go to the job vacancies section of St Helens Council website (www.sthelens.gov.uk) and complete the online application form.
- You must also submit a letter of application, addressed to the Headteacher, in which you exemplify how you demonstrate the skills, knowledge and qualities outlined in the person specification for our Deputy Headteacher role. You must attach a copy of your letter as a supporting document on the St Helens Council online application form.

Willow Bank School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to completion of pre-employment checks including satisfactory references and a Disclosure and Barring Section Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.