

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PRIMARY ACADEMY

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EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE LEAD

MPS/UPS plus TLR (£2330 per year)

Mottarm St. Andrew Primary Academy is seeking to appoint an effective and enthusiastic teacher and leader to teach our Reception class and to lead our EYFS unit. The position is a key role in our Senior Leadership Team.

This is a permanent position from September (start date: 1.9.25) and will be paid on MPS/UPS plus a school TLR of £2330 per year.

Our EYFS unit consists of:

- Reception class, of up to 26 children, staffed by the EYFS lead together with a full-time teaching assistant.
- Nursery class, of up to 16 children, staffed by two teaching assistants.

We take children in Nursery from the September after they are three i.e. for one pre-school year. Nursery sessions are 8.45-11.45 and 12.15-3.15, and children can attend for the lunch session of 11.45-12.15. Nursery children can also attend our wrap around care. Parents can book any combination of sessions.

Our EYFS unit is in a separate building to the main school. It consists of a large Reception classroom, a smaller Nursery classroom and a shared outdoor area. Nursery children also access the Reception classroom for certain parts of the day.

The EYFS lead has overall leadership and management responsibility for both the Nursery and Reception class, as they operate as an integrated unit. We have a model for how this currently works, but this can be changed and further developed by the successful candidate.

It is essential that the successful candidate has experience of teaching within the EYFS. However, it is not necessary to already have experience of Nursery. As our Nursery takes children just for the year before starting school, we feel that a strong Reception teacher could adapt their EYFS knowledge. The EYFS lead has weekly time to plan for Nursery, as well as their own PPA time.

In addition to leading the EYFS unit, the postholder will be a key member of the Senior Leadership Team. They will provide leadership for all staff including through subject leadership, involvement in the full life of school and support for whole school development.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the SLT of our happy and successful school. The position would be well suited to a teacher who wants to remain longer term in the EYFS or a teacher who would use it as a stepping stone to further leadership responsibility across the primary phase.

Our School

Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy is a one form entry school with a friendly, family atmosphere. Our catchment area is small, without a large amount of housing. Nearly all of our parents have made a conscious choice to bring their child here, from outside the catchment area. Class sizes are low, as our pupil admission number is 26. There are currently 189 children on roll, with one class for each year group, including a 16 place Nursery.

Our children achieve high standards across school in a range of subjects and activities. Both staff and children work hard to achieve these. Please see the [Ofsted and Performance Data](#) page of our website for our end of Key Stage 2 results and our most recent Ofsted report.

The school is set in a rural location within easy reach of Wilmslow, Prestbury and Alderley Edge, all 2.5 miles distant, with Macclesfield 5 miles away. The majority of children transfer to Fallibroome Academy for high school, alongside a few to Wilmslow Academy and independent schools.

On 1st April 2011, the school became an academy, and was the first primary school in Cheshire East to convert due to our record of success. We have remained a single academy trust and value the independence that this brings.

Our staff, parents and governors are all hugely supportive of the school and rightly want it to be the very best in all areas. As a school, we take great pride in our achievements but are also committed to our continued development. Everyone who visits our school is impressed with the friendly, positive atmosphere and the excellent behaviour of our children.

The school building is a mixture of modern and traditional. The original part dates back to 1908. The school benefits from three extensions, which have greatly enhanced the teaching space, yet are in keeping with the rest of the building. There is an ample, safe playground and large sports field. The whole site is surrounded by lovely countryside providing an ideal learning environment.

The teaching staff consists of the headteacher, five full time teachers and four part time teachers. We employ a bursar, administrative assistants, and several teaching assistants. The catering manager runs her own in-house catering service, with most children taking school meals. Staff are committed to our school and staff turnover is very low.

Application Details

Visits to the school are welcome on Tuesday 6th May (10am) or Friday 9th May (10am or 3.45pm). If you would like to be included, then please let me know by emailing jobapplications@motttramacademy.org.uk . If you would like to visit and cannot make any of those dates/times, then please contact me on this email and I will attempt to organise an alternative.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 13th May 9am. We will shortlist on Wednesday 14th May, and will inform candidates, by email, if they have been shortlisted. Interviews and tasks, including a teaching task, will take place on Tuesday 20th May.

All applications must be submitted on the electronic application form linked within our advert on the government teaching vacancy site: [GOV.UK Teaching Vacancies](https://www.gov.uk/teaching-vacancies)

The electronic application form includes a Personal Statement, which will be key to deciding which applicants to shortlist. It is important that these contain sufficient information, so that we can make an informed decision, but they should not be longer than the equivalent of two sides of A4. For your Personal Statement, please use a line space between paragraphs, otherwise the forms are more difficult to read. In the qualifications section, please include all qualifications from GCSEs (or equivalent).

Safeguarding

Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children within our care, and all staff have shared responsibility for safeguarding in school. It is an offence to apply for the role if the applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. References will be taken up for all shortlisted candidates prior to interview. Offers of employment will be subject to stringent safeguarding checks in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education. These include an enhanced DBS check, children's barred list check, prohibition from teaching check, an online check, and a health check. Please note that the post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974.

Thank you for your interest in our school. I look forward to meeting prospective candidates and I am happy to answer any questions.

Jean Willerton
Headteacher