

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)	NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior
and Training	Degree or equivalent qualification	Leadership) or willingness to undertake (Desirable)
	Evidence of continuing professional development,	
	particularly in leadership and school improvement	
Experience	Successful leadership and management experience within a primary school setting Experience in improving teaching and learning across a school or phase Proven track record of raising attainment and improving pupil outcomes, including for disadvantaged and SEND pupils Experience in developing and implementing school policies and procedures Experience of managing staff performance, including	Experience in safeguarding and fulfilling the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL Experience of working with governors, external agencies, and other stakeholders Experience in leading assessment strategies and tracking pupil progress
	challenging underperformance and supporting	
	professional development	
Knowledge and Understanding	Strong understanding of curriculum design, teaching, learning, and assessment, including evidence-based approaches Knowledge of school self-evaluation and improvement planning	Knowledge of effective strategies to support pupils eligible for pupil premium funding
	Understanding of statutory responsibilities, including	
	safeguarding, SEND Code of Practice, and equalities	
	legislation	
	Understanding of how to promote a positive school	
	culture and support mental health and well-being	
Leadership and	Ability to provide clear direction and load a team	Financial courses to manage recourses officiently
Management	Ability to provide clear direction and lead a team effectively	Financial acumen to manage resources efficiently
Skills	Ability to develop a positive, professional culture among	
	staff, promoting high expectations and accountability	
	Strong communication and interpersonal skills to engage	
	with staff, pupils, parents, and external stakeholders	
	Ability to analyse data to inform decision-making and	
	drive school improvement	
	Ability to manage change effectively and implement school-wide initiatives	
Personal	High expectations for all pupils, with a commitment to	
Qualities and	inclusion and removing barriers to learning	
Attributes	A positive and visible role model with a commitment to upholding the school's values and ethos	
	Ability to remain calm, adaptable, and solution-focused in a fast-paced school environment	
	Commitment to fostering strong relationships with pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community	
	A reflective and resilient leader who is open to feedback and continuous improvement	