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Dear Applicant

Application for Head Teacher, Asterdale Primary School

Thank you so much for the interest you have shown in the Headship of our school.

Following the planned retirement of the current postholder, the Odyssey Collaborative Trust and Asterdale Governing Board are seeking to appoint a Head Teacher who will build on current good practice and bring a fresh perspective. As Asterdale is currently rated by Ofsted as a good school, the new Head Teacher will have ambitious plans on how to achieve outstanding.

We are a small one form entry primary school in an area of high deprivation. Entry level for our children in the EYFS is below average, however, by the time they leave us in year six, our SATs results are above average and we are in the top 25% of schools nationally for improved outcomes.

Our children are well behaved and polite. We value theatre, sport, music, outdoor learning, the arts and wider curriculum activities. We have an on-site forest school, a variety of after school clubs, a very talented school choir, an eco-council, in addition to a very active school council.

Our school is very friendly and at the heart of the local community. We have a small and very active PTFA who are a great support to the school.

We were part of the Priority Schools Programme and our new school building opened in April 2016. We recently acquired occupancy of the on-site Children's Centre building, now called 'the Hub@Asterdale' which offers a thriving before and after school provision and other community events. We also rent out rooms to various organisations which brings much needed income. This may be an area that you would wish to pursue.

We have a 26 FTE nursery, offering both 30 hour and 15 hour provision, term time only. Funded 2- year old places would be an aspiration of the governing board.

Priorities for the year ahead include improving outcomes in writing and the continued commitment towards embedding a broad and balanced curriculum at whole school level.

Your letter of application should be no more than two sides of A4 and you should clearly detail how you would utilise your skills and experience to drive our school forward.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school directly. I would like to thank you again for your interest in the post and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Evonne Williams
Chair of Governors