January 2025

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of headteacher at Bassenthwaite Primary School and Little Ducklings Nursery which has arisen due to the retirement of our well respected and successful Headteacher. This information pack is intended to provide you with details of this exciting opportunity. Further detailed information about the school can be found on our website.

Our school is located in the beautiful village of Bassenthwaite, nestled below the eastern slopes of Skiddaw in The Lake District National Park. We are proud to be part of The Keswick School Multi Academy Trust. Our school’s motto is, ‘Small School, Big Opportunities’ and we strive to nurture our children to enable them to flourish and achieve their full potential academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually within a loving and secure family environment. We are very proud of our small, but dedicated and dynamic team of experienced and long serving teachers and support staff. They are committed not only to providing the highest standards of teaching but to inspiring a love of learning and developing skills for life-long learning such as independence, determination and resilience.

As a school we strive to provide both a quality education and a wide curriculum. We offer full wrap around care in addition to after school activities. We currently have 25 children on roll across EYFS (including Nursery), KS1 and KS2. Our staff comprises 4 teaching staff (3fte), 4 Teaching Assistants (2.62fte) and 2 associated staff (0.32fte). The headteacher and staff work closely with the Keswick cluster of primary schools.

In April, 2022, the school was again judged to be good by OFSTED. The inspection report states that ‘our pupils enjoy coming to school and spending time with their friends outside in the beautiful setting. They are expected to behave well’. Our Governors are highly committed and passionate about the school.

As part of The Keswick School MAT, we are incredibly fortunate to benefit from the excellent support the school receives. This includes: collaboration with initiatives, shared CPD, activities for students, sharing of expertise, strategic leadership, services including; HR, IT, finance and clerk to governors. This support is much appreciated and reduces the workload of the Headteacher and staff.

We are seeking to appoint a dedicated, compassionate and supportive leader with the courage, wisdom, experience and confidence to build on the foundation of the school’s success and ethos to ensure that the school continues to improve.

To apply please complete the Application Form and submit to andrewyoung@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk together with a covering letter which should be no longer than two sides of A4.

**The closing date for applications is noon on Monday 27th January 2024.**

We look forward to receiving your application, and welcoming you, should you wish to take the opportunity to visit us to discover more.

Yours sincerely

***Margaret Taylor***

Mrs Margaret Taylor

Chair of Governors