

Dear Headteacher applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at Longshaw Community Infant School and Longshaw Nursery School. I am very pleased that you are considering applying to lead our unique and wonderful school. The vacancy has arisen as a result of the current Head, Andrea Batley, obtaining a post with Ofsted after six years of successful leadership at Longshaw.

We want to employ somebody who is able to build on the strengths that our outgoing Headteacher and the wider team have achieved; a great school with a strong community ethos that nurtures the whole child and allows each one to be the very best version of themselves that they can be.

Our new Headteacher should be a strong, approachable, compassionate and supportive leader who is passionate and knowledgeable about the pursuit of effective high-quality teaching and learning in schools and has a love of working with children. The person specification provides a more comprehensive list of the qualities we are looking for, but in essence we wish to appoint somebody with the wisdom, experience and confidence to take the school forward; someone who builds on what is currently excellent and ensures we continue to improve by embracing the opportunities and challenges which are offered by a school like ours.

Our children are central to everything we do at Longshaw. On the following page you’ll find some of the things that they have told us they would like to see in their new Headteacher. If you think you are the right person to meet their needs, and exceed their expectations, I’d encourage you to read the additional information provided as part of the application pack which will give you a flavour of the school and an indication of the scope and range of opportunities and possibilities that the post offers. I hope that you find the information that we have provided of sufficient interest that you decide to apply for the post.

I’d also encourage you to visit the school to see the pupils and staff at work. Please contact the School HR Team on 01254 588973 or schoolhrteam@blackburn.gov.uk to make a mutually convenient appointment. I would also like to take this opportunity to reassure you that due to the current situation that we find ourselves in, social distancing rules will be applied and Covid-19 guidance will be adhered to throughout the visit.

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your application.

Raffat Karimi (Chair of Governors at Longshaw Community Infant School) and Susan Cliffe (Chair of Governors at Longshaw Nursery School)