



**Headteacher at Branton Community Primary School and
Breamish Valley Community Nursery**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a headteacher at Branton Community Primary School and Breamish Valley Community Nursery.

This vacancy arises as the current headteacher retires after many years leading this successful rural school. At the heart of our school is the happiness and success of each child. We are proud of the way in which our school welcomes, nurtures and supports all pupils. We are a warm, welcoming village school in a unique rural location, and we are proud to offer a range of educational experiences for the children within Branton, and the local and surrounding areas.

The job description and person specification have been provided to help you decide whether you wish to apply and, if so, to make an effective, good quality application.

Please take some time to match your skills, experience and aspirations against these when reaching your decision. Headteacher appointments are critical to the success of a school, and governors are looking for candidates who have a good understanding of the context of this particular school and a clear and committed vision for future success.

The Application Form

It is important that you complete all sections of the form and that you provide full information in each section. Please do not send a CV as these cannot be accepted.

Please note the requirement that you must not alter the design or layout of this form in any way. If you need this form in another format (in Braille, in large print etc), please contact Dave Cookson on 07342 059770.

As well as responding to the person specification in the 'Further Details in Support of your Application' section, we would ask you to answer the following question in **approximately 500 words**:

What would you see as the challenges faced by a headteacher with a weekly teaching commitment, and how would you seek to overcome these challenges?

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **5pm on Monday 27th March 2023**

Shortlisting is scheduled for **Thursday 30th March 2023**

Interviews will take place on **Friday 21st April 2023**

Please ensure that your application is returned to headships@northumberland.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Parsons and Jill Strachan

Co-Chairs of Governors