

*The Kirkstead Education Trust, as an employer, is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as its number one priority. This commitment to robust recruitment, selection and induction procedures extends to organisations and services linked to the school on its behalf.*

*The successful applicant's appointment will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and online checks.*

# HEAD TEACHER

**ISR: L18-L24**

**Full time and permanent**

**Start Date: 1 September 2026**

The Trustees of the Kirkstead Education Trust are seeking an inspirational Headteacher who is passionate about high-quality teaching and high levels of achievement for every child at Hursthead Junior School in Cheadle Hulme. We are proud of our commitment to the academic, social and emotional development of every child and are looking for an outstanding leader who will actively promote our "REAL Wheel" values (Responsible, Enthusiastic, Aspirational, Leaders), champion the UN Rights of the Child, and confidently lead the school through the evolving landscape of education.

This is an exciting opportunity to build on the school's significant successes and develop it further. You will share our passion for excellence and our commitment to ensuring that all children make the best possible progress. Your clear and purposeful leadership, innovative approach, and unerring enthusiasm, determination and good humour will enable you to excel in this role, with both the support and challenge of the Trustees and Governing Board.

You will need to be able demonstrate you are:

- Continually striving for excellence – with a compassionate, inclusive and caring approach
- An excellent communicator, building effective relationships with children, parents, staff, governors, trustees and the wider community
- Resilient and able to meet the challenges of school leadership, with the ability to manage budgets effectively
- Willing and able to lead new initiatives and share expertise with enthusiasm
- Passionate about prioritising children's safety, wellbeing, mental health and pastoral care
- Outward facing and able to contribute to the strategic development of the school and the Trust
- Currently in a senior leadership role in a primary school setting
- Nurturing, empathetic, pragmatic and emotionally intelligent
- Committed to developing an outstanding team through effective, stimulating and caring leadership

In return we can offer:

- The opportunity to lead a popular, high performing and well respected large junior school in the pursuit of excellence
- An engaging learning environment with children who thrive on enrichment opportunities

- A fully inclusive school where everyone is supported to achieve their potential
- A supportive, dedicated and friendly staff team who put fun into learning
- A supportive and experienced Board of Trustees and Governing Board, ready to challenge the school to be the best it can be while actively promoting wellbeing across the whole school community.
- Actively engaged parents and local community
- Comprehensive, high quality professional development opportunities which embrace change, innovation, and help staff to fulfil their potential
- A reflective school focused on self-evaluation and school improvement

If this sounds like your next challenge, we look forward to hearing from you. Tours of the School will be available on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. Contact the school office on 0161 439 6961 to arrange your visit.

Please complete the application form and email to [htrecruitment@hursthead-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:htrecruitment@hursthead-jun.stockport.sch.uk).

Closing date: 12:00 on 05/03/2026

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted before 12/03/2026 with further details of the interview process.

Interview days: 18 & 19/03/2026

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**Head Teacher: Mrs Tracy Kendrick**

**Group 3 School – NOR 355**