

WILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Prospective Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the appointment of Headteacher at Willington Primary School.

We are very sad to be losing our current Headteacher, who has been with our school since she started as an NQT 27 years ago and who has made a difficult personal decision to change career. At the same time, we will also be losing our SENCO/Deputy Headteacher as she goes on to follow her passion for all children at a specialist school. However, we believe this offers a unique opportunity for a Headteacher to not just take on a new role, but also to create their own leadership team, within an established school environment. In order to achieve this, we are currently seeking to appoint our new Headteacher on a non-teaching basis.

Our last Ofsted rating was in 2012 when we achieved an 'Outstanding' rating. We currently assess ourselves as 'Very Good' and hope that we can work together to improve on this.

As a school we are totally committed to building on the work that has already been done towards raising standards across all areas of the curriculum. To this end we wish to appoint to the headship someone who will maintain the present ethos and provide a high standard of leadership with a dedicated family of skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated professionals.

We are an inclusive school, who fight passionately for the support that some of our children need and as a result we are valued by parents both in and out of catchment for the supportive environment we can offer.

We recently had a new school library built to ensure that we continue to grow our children's enjoyment of reading and this project was significantly supported by our 'Friends of Willington School'. A key target in our school improvement plan is to improve attainment and progress of reading across the school with a particular focus on (i) early communication, language and phonics skills at KS1 and (ii) vocabulary and comprehension at KS2. We expect the library, with its new resources and the support of an early years speech therapist, will set up our children for future success.

We believe that we are a thriving school at the heart of the village community we serve. We are proud that all who join us come into a school where there is a strong culture of partnership and where everyone - staff, pupils, parents, governors and the community - is encouraged to make their own contribution.

If, having read this letter and the information enclosed with it, you think that you are the person to continue and build on our achievements we would be most interested to hear from you and would be happy to arrange a visit around our school. The closing date for applications is 3rd July 2022.

Yours sincerely

R. A. Titley

Rachel Titley

Chair of Governors

