



**HOLMGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE S45 9QD**

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Dear Candidate

Thank you for showing an interest in our vacancy for the post of Headteacher at Holmgate Primary School and Nursery.

Our school is on the outskirts of the town of Clay Cross and is surrounded by countryside and is very close to both the Peak District National Park and the Derbyshire Dales. The school building is in good condition, has a separate hall and dining room, a good size playground and very large playing fields.

We have a great staff team who are enthusiastic, work hard and are open to new ideas. We were last inspected in February 2020 and were judged to be good, although the report highlighted several areas that were a cause for concern. There has been a significant improvement in all areas since the last report, with regular, robust scrutiny by the current SLT and Governors.

Our curriculum is based around the Jonathan Lear 'Guerrilla Curriculum' which has vastly improved the teaching and learning.

We have the potential to become a vibrant Outstanding school and we want someone who can help us get there. We need a Headteacher who will help us to continue to develop our curriculum ensuring that it is relevant for the 21st century, empower and develop our talented staff at all levels and continue to motivate and put the children at the heart of everything we do. It is also very important to us that our Headteacher can communicate well with our community and make them feel an important part of our school team.

Our School Improvement Plan for this year focuses on improving the quality of teaching, improving the progress of our pupil premium and more able pupils and develop a more coherent and strategic approach to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development and British values.

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The Governing Body is a dedicated, hardworking group of people with a diverse range of relevant skills. We work closely with the Headteacher and the staff to ensure that we do whatever possible to improve the opportunities for the children. Members of the Governing Body are regularly found in school, encouraging staff, and helping support our children in whatever way we can.

It is our intention to short list candidates on the 15th June and to hold the interviews on the 5th and 6th July.

You are very welcome to visit the school, please contact Mrs Bassett in the school office to arrange this. We do however understand that a visit to the school may not be possible for you and so will include a tour on the first day of the interviews.

Once again thank you for your interest in this post. We hope very much that you will go forward and apply for the Headship at Holmgate.

If I can help in any further way, please do not hesitate to contact me at PWaters2@holmgate.derbyshire.sch.uk and I will do my best to answer your questions.

On behalf on the Governing Body,
Kind regards

Phil Waters
Chair of Governors