



RIPLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL APPOINTMENT OF HEADTEACHER

Information for Candidates

Ripley Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

<u>Date of Appointment</u>	1 September 2025
<u>Salary</u>	Group 3 Individual School Range L16 - 22
<u>Estimated Number on Roll</u>	336
<u>Teaching Establishment</u>	Headteacher + 14.08
<u>Headteacher teaching commitments</u>	Nil
<u>Management Structure</u>	Headteacher + Deputy Headteacher + 3 TLR

Support Staff

Job Description	Hours	Posts
School Business Manager	37	1
School Clerk	37	1
Teaching Assistants (General)	200	11
Teaching Assistants (SEN)	243.13	6.5
Senior Midday Supervisors	6.25	1
Caretaker	35	1
Cleaner	55	4

Location

The school is located in the southern part of the town of Ripley. Ripley is a large and thriving market town close to the A38 and the city of Derby. There are excellent amenities and facilities close by to help enhance the school's curriculum offer. The school has two feeder Infant schools which are located nearby.

Accommodation

The school is located in one well maintained building dating back to the late 1950s. The school was previously a Technical Grammar School before becoming a Junior School in the mid-1980s. The building is a two-storey building with 15 classrooms, a hall with a permanent

stage, a separate gym, a staff room, a library, a servery and kitchen. It also has a separate Pastoral Hub where there are intervention spaces and a large nurture space which is also used for breakfast and afterschool club. The local SSEND team also have offices in the school building.

Outside there is a large playground that is split into two areas, a trim-track, a wildlife garden, a very large school field and a Forest School area.

Midday meals are served on the premises by the Derbyshire County Council Catering Service.

OFSTED Inspection

The school was inspected in 2024 and was judged to be a 'Good' school.

Financial Budget

The school's basic school budget for this financial year is £1,591,617.

Extra eligible funding of £124,686 High Needs funding and £172,929 Pupil Premium Grant.

Applications

Candidates should submit applications **online** on a DCC Teacher Application Form, together with a supporting statement letter matching their skills and experience to the headings in the Job Description and Person Specification. The letter should be no longer than 1500 words (please include word count). CVs should not be attached.

If preferred, **postal application forms** are available from Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190, quoting the job reference number attached to this post. Completed applications should be sent to Derbyshire County Council, Recruitment Section, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG, allowing sufficient delivery time to meet the deadline for applications.

In order to comply with the safer recruitment requirements candidates must fully complete the application form including the section on references. It is not acceptable to substitute parts of the form with your own version. All gaps in employment should be accounted for and explained.

References

Open testimonials are not accepted for this post, and it is intended that the Local Authority will take up a professional reference from your **existing employer** and one other professional reference of your choice. ***If you are not currently working with children, references will be requested from a previous employer where this was the case. You are, therefore, requested to supply contact details for this organisation and also to alert all referees to expect a request, should you be shortlisted.*** References from relatives or people writing solely in the capacity of friends will not be accepted.

Security Checks

Due to this post having access to children and/or vulnerable adults, candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided. **Candidates who are foreign nationals, or a UK national who has lived abroad at any point in their adult life, MUST provide a Certificate of Good Conduct prior to taking up an appointment.**

Interviews It is intended that interviews will take place on 10 and 11 February 2025.

Candidates selected for interview will be contacted by telephone. If you have not been contacted within seven days of the proposed interview dates you should assume, on this occasion, that you have not been shortlisted for interview. Should you wish to make any further enquiries, please contact the Headship Recruitment Team via Headship.recruitment@derbyshire.gov.uk or on 01629 539455.

The Governors will be advised by a Local Authority HR Officer and Senior Advisor for School Improvement.

Closing Date 19 January 2025.