

Chapel-en-le-Frith C of E VC Primary School

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Headteacher Recruitment Pack



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14th August 2026

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher at Chapel-en-le-Frith C of E VC Primary School. On behalf of the Governing Board, I am delighted that you are considering joining us at this exciting and important time in the life of our school.

Following the retirement of our highly respected and long-serving Headteacher, we are seeking an exceptional leader to build upon the strong foundations already in place and help shape the next chapter of our school's journey. This is a rare opportunity to lead one of Derbyshire's largest and most established primary schools, serving almost 500 children and benefiting from a talented staff team, supportive families and a thriving local community.

At the heart of our school is our Christian vision, "Learning for Life", which underpins everything we do. We are proud to be a highly inclusive school where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. Our values inform our relationships, guide our decisions and inspire our commitment to ensuring that all members of our school community can reach their full potential.

Visitors frequently comment on the positive relationships between children and staff, and the calm and purposeful learning environment that supports both achievement and wellbeing. Our pupils are enthusiastic, respectful and eager to learn, and they make us proud every day.

We are fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated staff team, excellent facilities, extensive grounds and a beautiful location in the heart of the Peak District. We also benefit from a knowledgeable and ambitious Governing Board, a supportive PTFA and strong partnerships with our families and wider community. Together, we share high aspirations for the future of our school.

As Governors, we are looking for a Headteacher who will embrace everything that makes our school special whilst bringing fresh ideas, energy and strategic leadership. We seek an individual who will inspire and motivate others through compassionate and authentic leadership, maintain the highest expectations for teaching and learning, and continue to ensure that every child receives the very best opportunities to succeed.

This role offers not only the privilege of leading a highly regarded school, but also the opportunity to make a lasting difference to the lives of children, families and the wider

community. We are committed to working closely with our new Headteacher and providing the support needed to help them succeed in this important role.

I hope that after reading this recruitment pack you will be inspired to apply. We warmly encourage prospective candidates to visit the school and experience first-hand the unique qualities that make Chapel-en-le-Frith such a special place to learn and work.

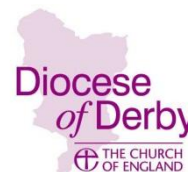
Thank you once again for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

Details of visit arrangements, along with key dates for the recruitment process, are included in the information pack.

We look forward to receiving your application and learning more about how your experience, skills and values could help lead our school forward.

Yours sincerely,

Reverend Mel Hartley
Chair of Governors
Chapel-en-le-Frith CofE VC Primary School



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APPOINTMENT OF HEADTEACHER

Information for Candidates

Chapel-en-le-Frith C of E VC Primary 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 January 2027
<u>Salary</u>	Group 3 Individual School Range L19 - L25
<u>Estimated Number on Roll</u>	495
<u>Teaching Establishment</u>	Headteacher + Deputy Headteacher + 18 FTE
<u>Management Structure</u>	Headteacher + Deputy + Assistant Headteacher
<u>Support Staff</u>	

Job Description	Hours	Posts
School Business Manager	37	1
School Clerk	121.5	4
Teaching Assistants (General)	310	10
Teaching Assistants (SEN)	830.90	26
Senior Midday Supervisors	54.75	8
Caretaker	17.5	1
Cleaner	40	4

Location

The school is located near the town of Chapel-en-le-Frith. The town is surrounded by the Peak District National Park and close to Sheffield/Chesterfield and Stockport. There is good access to major road and rail networks.

Accommodation

The school is located in a well maintained building dating back to 2000 for the KS1 building when the schools were amalgamated. The building houses 18 classrooms, 2 halls, a staff room, a library, a servery, a kitchen, a pupil kitchen, office spaces with a separate office space for Head/Deputy and Assistant Headteachers each.

Outside there is a large amount of space with a large field and separate playgrounds for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The site is well secured in the day and all external doors are key coded and outside gates locked during the day.

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

OFSTED Inspection

The school was last inspected in September 2023 and was judged to be a 'Good' school.

SIAMS Inspection

The school was inspected in May 2025 and was judged to be a Good Church School.

Financial Budget

The school's basic school budget for this financial year is £2,390,800

Plus, extra eligible funding

Early Years Funding £146,236

High Needs Funding £269,613

Pupil Growth £1752

Pupil Premium £188,725

(Please include any extra funding your school is eligible for e.g. Early Years Funding (nursery hours), 6th form funding, Pupil Growth (KS1 funding), High needs funding

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.**

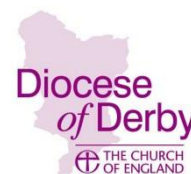
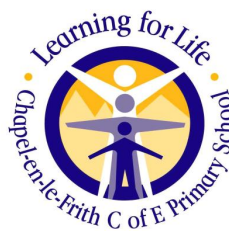
Interviews It is intended that interviews will take place on 15th September and 17th September 2026.

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

6th September 2026



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APPOINTMENT OF HEADTEACHER

Job Description

Post Title:	Headteacher
Responsible to:	The Governing Board of Chapel-en-le-Frith C of E VC Primary School
Main Purpose:	To carry out the duties of Headteacher in accordance with the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act and other relevant statutory provisions.

Shaping the Future

The Headteacher will work with the Governing Board and others to create a shared vision and strategic plan which inspire and motivate pupils, staff, and all other members of the school community.

The Headteacher will:

- Ensure the vision for the school is clearly articulated, shared, understood, and acted upon effectively by all.
- Work within the school community to translate the vision into agreed objectives and operational plans which will promote and sustain school improvement.
- Demonstrate vision and values in everyday work and practice.
- Motivate and work with others to create a shared culture and a positive climate.
- Ensure creativity, innovation, and the use of appropriate new technologies to achieve excellence.
- Ensure that strategic planning and the school culture and curriculum take account of the diversity, values and experience of the school and community at large.

Managing the Organisation

The Headteacher will provide effective management of the school and continuously seek to improve organisational structures based on self-evaluation.

The Headteacher will:

- Take responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

- Create an organisational structure which reflects the school's values, and enables the management systems, structures, and processes to work effectively in line with legal requirements.
- Produce and implement clear, evidence-based improvement plans and policies for the development of the School and its facilities.
- Ensure that, within an autonomous culture, policies and practices take account of national and local circumstances, policies, and initiatives.
- Manage the school's financial and human resources effectively and efficiently to achieve the school's educational goals and priorities.
- Recruit, retain and deploy staff appropriately and manage their workload to achieve the vision and goals of the school.
- Manage and organise the school environment efficiently and effectively to ensure that it meets the needs of the curriculum and health and safety regulations.
- Ensure that the range, quality, and use of all available resources are monitored, evaluated, and reviewed to improve the quality of education for all pupils and provide value for money.
- Use and integrate a range of technologies effectively and efficiently to manage the school.

Leading Learning and Teaching

The Headteacher has a central responsibility for raising the quality of teaching and learning. This involves high expectations, maintaining and evaluating outcomes and establishing a successful learning culture which all impact on pupils' achievement.

The Headteacher will:

- Ensure a consistent and continuous school-wide focus on pupils' achievement, using data and benchmarks to monitor progress in every student's learning.
- Ensure that learning is at the centre of strategic planning and resource management.
- Establish creative, responsive, and effective approaches to learning and teaching.
- Ensure a culture and ethos of challenge and support where all pupils can achieve success and become engaged in their own learning.
- Demonstrate and articulate high expectations and set stretching targets for the whole school community.
- Implement strategies which secure high standards of behaviour and attendance.
- Determine, organise, and implement a diverse, flexible curriculum and implement Assessment for Learning.
- Monitor, evaluate and review classroom practice and promote improvement strategies.

- Take a strategic role in the development of emerging technologies to enhance and extend the learning experience of pupils.
- Challenge under-performance at all levels and ensure action is taken to secure improvement.

Developing Self and Working with Others

Effective communication and relationships are key to effective headship. The Headteacher needs to build a professional learning community which enables others to achieve.

The Headteacher will:

- Treat people fairly, equitably and with dignity and respect to create and maintain a positive school culture.
- Build a collaborative learning culture within the school and actively engage with other schools to build effective learning communities.
- Develop and maintain effective strategies and procedures for staff induction, professional development, and performance management.
- Ensure effective planning, allocation, support, and evaluation of work undertaken by teams and individuals, ensuring clear delegation of tasks and devolution of responsibilities.
- Acknowledge the responsibilities and celebrate the achievements of individuals and teams.
- Develop and maintain a culture of high expectations for self and for others.
- Regularly review own practice and achievements, set personal targets, and take responsibility for own personal development. Take account of feedback from others.
- Manage own workload and that of others to allow an appropriate work/life balance.
- **Securing Accountability**
- With values at the heart of leadership, the Headteacher has a responsibility to the whole school community and is accountable to a range of groups particularly pupils, parents, carers, Governors, the Diocese and the LA.

The Headteacher will:

- Take responsibility for establishing and monitoring the systems and culture of the school to promote and safeguard the welfare of young people.
- Fulfil commitments arising from contractual accountability to the Governing Board.
- Develop a school ethos which enables everyone to work collaboratively, share knowledge and understanding, celebrate success and accept responsibility for outcomes.
- Ensure individual staff accountabilities are clearly defined, understood, and agreed and are subject to rigorous review and evaluation.

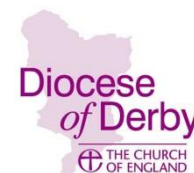
- Work with the Governing Board (providing information, objective advice, and support) to enable it to meet its responsibilities for securing effective teaching and learning and improved standards of attainment and for achieving efficiency and value for money.
- Reflect on personal contribution to school achievements and take account of feedback from others.
- Develop and present a coherent, understandable, and accurate account of the school's performance to a range of audiences including governors, parents, and carers.

Strengthening Community

The Headteacher should engage with the internal and external school community to secure equity and entitlement and collaborate strategically and operationally with a wide range of partners to bring positive benefits.

The Headteacher will:

- Build a school culture and curriculum which takes account of the richness and diversity of the school's communities.
- Ensure learning experiences for pupils are linked into and integrated with the wider community.
- Collaborate with other agencies in providing for the academic, spiritual, moral, social, emotional, and cultural well-being of pupils and their families.
- Create and maintain an effective partnership with parents and carers to support and improve pupils' achievement and personal development.
- Seek opportunities to invite parents and carers, community figures, businesses, or other organisations into the school to enhance and enrich the school and its value to the wider community.
- Contribute to the development of the education system by, for example, sharing effective practice, working in partnership with other schools and promoting innovative initiatives.
- Co-operate and work with relevant agencies to protect children.
- Create and promote positive strategies for challenging racial and other prejudice and dealing with racial harassment.
- Demonstrate and uphold a Christian ethos.
- Ensure an inclusive culture.



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Person Specification

Measurements: A = Application I = Interview R = Reference	
Qualifications - DfE recognised qualified teacher status/Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status and registered with the Institute for Learning (IFL) - Appropriate leadership and management training, accreditation, or qualifications, which may include NPQH, are considered desirable	A A, I
Experience - Significant recent and relevant experience as a Headteacher, Deputy, or Assistant Headteacher - A recent senior leadership post for at least 3 years - A proven track record of successful leadership - Successful experience of raising achievement - Working with and engaging the involvement of external partners and the local community - Successful teaching of pupils in the primary phase - Planning, determining, and organising major curriculum areas	A, I, R A, I A, I, R I, R A, I A, R A, I
Knowledge and Understanding of current issues and best practice including: - Safeguarding children and young people - What constitutes a good/outstanding school - The process of strategic planning and school self-evaluation - Ways to communicate and translate a shared vision into practice - Leading the management of change - Application of new technologies to teaching, learning and management - Comparative data and performance indicators to establish benchmarks and set targets for improvements - National policy framework and current educational legislation and initiatives - Principles of effective teaching and assessment for learning Roles and responsibilities of Governing Body, LA, the Diocese and of the requirements for accountability - School budget management and financial responsibilities	A, I I A, I A, I I I I A, I I I A, R

- Strategies for fostering school improvement, including attendance and behaviour for learning - Equal opportunities and commitment to their pursuit - Legal issues relating to school management	I I I
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Personal and Professional Qualities	
Commitment to the welfare and safeguarding of young people	I
Strong personal motivation and drive	I, R
A genuine enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the development of young people, and concern for the development of colleagues and members of the wider school community	I
The ability to inspire, motivate staff, students and the wider community and engage their active commitment to your vision	I, R
Commitment to ensuring inclusion, addressing diversity and access	A, I
Commitment to own personal and professional development and that of all staff	A, I
High order analytical and problem-solving skills and the ability to make informed judgements	I
Excellent communication skills in a variety of media to a range of audiences including students, parents/carers, colleagues, and the wider school community	A, I
The ability to project the school in a positive way and establish the school at the heart of the community	I
The ability to engage parents and carers in supporting children's learning	I, R
The ability to fill the role of lead professional in classroom practice	R
Commitment to an open, collaborative style of management	I
Evidence of collaborative working and networking with others, within and beyond the school to build and sustain a learning community	A, I
The ability to understand and appreciate the school's current strengths and the ways in which these might be further developed	I
The ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with young people	I, R
The school welcomes / will consider applications for job-share or co-headship	

• A commitment to supporting and promoting the strong Christian ethos of the school	A, I
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