



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this important post. Along with this letter, you should find a job description, person specification and application form. Please read these documents carefully. If you consider that you have the skills, experience and qualities required to lead our exceptional school and that Longhoughton is a school in which you would enjoy working, then I would urge you to complete an application and arrange a visit.

Our school is set in the heart of Longhoughton village, and has strong links to the church of St Peter and Paul which the children visit regularly as part of their learning and for special events and services. We are also closely connected to RAF Boulmer: over half our children come from serving families living in military quarters or settled in the surrounding area. As such we are a vibrant and diverse school which welcomes children throughout the year from all over the UK and beyond: everyone is welcome.

We recognise the value of diversity and aim to help the children form a values framework which will stay with them throughout their lives; by making learning rewarding and enjoyable we build confident and enquiring children who respect and tolerate others and form positive social relationships.

We strive to offer a wide range of opportunities using our outside spaces including Commando Joes, and Newcastle United Football Foundation, and we empower our older children as playground leaders.

Like many schools in the Alnwick Partnership, we are considering whether academisation is appropriate for our school.

We are seeking to appoint a leader who will support, inspire, motivate and challenge the whole school community, and who will maintain and further develop the Christian character of our school. We are looking for someone who will share our ambition that all children will reach their full potential, and who has high levels of emotional intelligence to work collaboratively in this new chapter in our school's story.

The closing date for applications is noon on 26 February 2024. Application packs can be downloaded from www.northeastjobs.org.uk and should be returned to headships@northumberland.gov.uk.

Shortlisting will take place on 4 March 2024, and if you are successful, you will be contacted with details of the selection process. Interviews will take place at the school on 13 and 14 March 2024. Visits to our school can be made during weeks commencing 5 and 12 February 2024; please make an appointment through the school office.

Thank you again for your interest, I look forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Best

Chair of Governors, Longhoughton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School