



February 2026

Dear applicant

Saddleworth School has huge potential. The post of headteacher here is a fabulous opportunity for an ambitious and experienced senior leader to build a brilliant school, supported at every step by The Cranmer Education Trust ([Cranmer Education Trust | A growing school trust in Oldham](#)), our wider Teaching School Hub ([East Manchester Teaching School Hub - Proud to be part of the Cranmer Education Trust](#)) and SCITT ([Manchester Nexus SCITT - Teach today, change tomorrow](#)).

Located in a beautiful rural setting, but close to the motorway network and rail links, the 10 FE school serves a population of young people from the Saddleworth Villages and into Oldham. Pupil Premium is 25%. SEN (E) 2.6%, SEN (K) 12.1%.

The building is new, opened in March 2022. Both indoor and outdoor facilities are amazing. The school is very much a community hub providing much-appreciated facilities for local groups and societies. Our young people are articulate, ambitious, generous of spirit. They want to succeed, and parental support is high. There are many loyal and committed staff who are dedicated to the young people and the school, and want the best for them.

Our headteacher must be a leader of people, with vision and ambition, able to inspire, communicate, drive and model the values and relational context which enables every pupil to thrive, every member of staff to know that they are doing a good and important job and doing it well, and every parent to have confidence and trust in our school.

The headteacher will also understand the importance of clear systems and accountabilities to ensure that improvement is rapid, embedded and sustainable.

Saddleworth joined Cranmer in RI, so there is a lot to do. Progress is happening. The new Headteacher will have every support from the trust, and will never doubt the importance and

impact of what they are doing as we get Saddleworth flying. Details of how the trust works with schools at different stages of the improvement journey are included in the application pack.

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Ruth Bradbury, Business Manager. As this is the busiest term, these are likely to be after the school day. Informal conversations are also possible with a senior Cranmer Trust Officer by arrangement with Mireille Mawdsley, Company Secretary & Trust Executive Assistant.

We are hoping to appoint for 1 September 2026, but are prepared to wait until January if the right person has to give longer notice.

Yours sincerely

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CEO

The Cranmer Education Trust