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Permanent Headteacher
Full-time to start September 2026
L16 to L22 (starting salary negotiable dependent on experience)

We have an incredible opportunity for an inspirational leader to join the Every Child Matters Academy Trust as the Headteacher at Athersley South Primary School. This warm and welcoming school serves a population of 307 students, between the ages of 3 and 11. Situated on Wakefield Road in Athersley South in Barnsley, Athersley South offers a wonderful opportunity for any current or aspiring Headteacher to continue to create a school that is a hub of innovation and creativity that inspires learners and develops life-long learning for the future alongside the exceptionally skilled school and Trust staff.

Athersley South is a popular school and prides itself on strong partnerships with parents and carers in order to help build an inclusive environment where children can participate, thrive, reach their full potential and are proud of their achievements.

The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring the educational success of the school, enabling all students to achieve their potential. They will provide professional leadership and management and establish a culture that promotes excellence, equality and high expectations of all pupils.

If you are motivated to create a culture of improvement, and if you are seeking to improve life chances for young people, then we would love to hear from you. We are looking for a candidate who;

- thrives in a collaborative environment within a school and Trust
- can demonstrate substantial and proven leadership skills in a primary setting
- has experience in successful school improvement and development of effective teaching & learning
- is able to communicate with, motivate and inspire staff
- has a proven track record for improving levels of attainment and achievement for all pupils, whatever their needs, abilities and circumstance
- has experience in performance management and data analysis
- is willing to make an effective commitment to the school and Trust
- is resilient and an effective classroom practitioner
- has a desire to play an active part in the strategic development of the school and the Trust

The Every Child Matters Academy Trust is committed to high quality professional development and career opportunities for all staff. We are passionate about our succession planning, growing our own talented workforce and providing a huge opportunity to join a dynamic team.

We welcome applicants who meet the criteria in the accompanying recruitment pack. To find out more about the role please email Paula Darlington, HR Officer (p.darlington@ecmtrust.co.uk). All applications are to be completed via the BMBC online recruitment page.

Closing date: Thursday 19th March 2026 at 12 noon - Interview date to be confirmed

Every Child Matters Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of the school's Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check and appropriate references. Online searches will be carried out as part of the selection process.