

Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Wellbeing Mentor

Start date: April 2025

GRADE: C2:15-C2:19 (£14.41-£15.43 per hour) moving to S01 once fully trained

Due to the promotion of our long-standing Wellbeing Mentor, we are advertising the fabulous role of Wellbeing Mentor at Middleton St Mary's. This role was created during lockdown to support our children experiencing anxiety, emotional distress, turmoil, hurt and to help them feel good about themselves by recognising their feelings and developing self-help skills and regulation. This role has evolved and is much needed and valued.

Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School is a two-form entry primary school in South Leeds. We serve the Middleton Community with close links to St Mary's Church and Leeds Diocese. The school is a larger than average primary school with 420 pupils on roll including a 52 place nursery. The school has 67 staff including 18 teachers and 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads.

The majority of our pupils are White British heritage and the proportion of pupils known to be eligible for pupil premium funding is much higher than average, 50% (200 pupils) with 76% of our pupils living in the top 10% of deprivation areas and 26% in the top 3% of deprivation areas - Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI). This offers many challenges to our children and we want to support them in the best way we can.

Wellbeing [noun] – the state of being comfortable, healthy or happy.

This is what the Oxford English Dictionary defines as wellbeing, but what does that actually mean? The short answer is... well, there is no short answer! What one person feels is their perfect state of wellbeing may be completely different from another person.

Well-being is something we want for **all** of our staff, children and families because it includes so many positive things — feeling happy, healthy, socially connected, and purposeful. Our motto is:

Believe, belong, achieve

This role will help us to achieve our school vision and motto. We want our children to feel listened to, valued, loved and **believe** in. Our Christian values are at the heart of our school and underpin a culture that promotes honesty, learning, respect, faith and responsibility and enables our children to know they are of immense worth and that they can make a valuable contribution to their school, community and the wider world. We want staff and children to feel of sense of pride and **belong**ing within a warm, nurturing environment where they feel happy and safe to **achieve** well. If you feel that you can support this vision, then please apply.

The role will help to support targeted children to access school and homelife more positively to work out what they find worrying or challenging and assist them in developing emotional resilience.



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The role will start each morning in the playground or on the street or in Breakfast Club, talking to children and their families. The day will progress to working with small groups and individual children and supporting transition back into class, liaising with teaching assistants and teachers. We will provide a lovely space to work in (The Den) with many resources and programmes. Ideally, we would like the mentor to cover weekly, one of our Year 1 or Early Years classes; leading teaching and learning in Reception and getting to know the children and families in this phase. The role may develop into a Designated Safeguarding role within our team.

Skills / requirements:

- Ability to communicate effectively
- Awareness of the boundaries involved when working with young and vulnerable people.
- Commitment to equality and diversity
- Able to work flexibly to meet the needs of the school.
- Good organisational skills.
- Dependability and punctuality.
- An understanding of child development.

In return we can offer:

- ✓ A highly regarded and vibrant school, extremely popular in its community
- ✓ Enthusiastic children
- ✓ A strong, supportive and experienced Leadership Team.
- ✓ A dedicated team of staff with a caring, family ethos
- ✓ Opportunities to further develop as a leader and DSL through PD.

This is a fantastic opportunity. Under the current climate, we cannot offer a visit to school, please look at our website to find out more.

Closing Date: Friday 21st February 2025

Proposed interview dates: Friday 28th February 2025

