



Willow Grove Primary School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in applying for the role of Headteacher at our school, Willow Grove Primary which is a 72 place SEMH school. Our current Headteacher, Mrs Joanna Murphy, is retiring in August 2024 and we therefore want to appoint a new Headteacher, if possible, for September 2024.

Our school has been successfully guided in recent years to transform from using reward and consequence strategies to developing a relationship based approach informed by Attachment and Trauma research. In April 2023 Ofsted recognised that *"Leaders want pupils to develop academically, socially and emotionally. They prioritise the emotional needs and mental health of pupils."*

We are therefore looking for a leader to ensure the school is recognised as a centre of excellence by further developing a curriculum that ensures pupils succeed in regulating their own emotional responses to life's challenges, thereby empowering them to succeed academically.

We very much hope you will be able to build on what we have achieved as the ethos and culture of the school is one to which the governing body are fully committed.

We hope that reading the information pack, will enable you to consider how your own skills and experience would enable you to be the inspirational leader that our children and staff deserve as we progress further towards our goals.

We would encourage you to come and visit our school, see us in action, meet our enthusiastic staff and wonderful children. Please contact the Clerk to the Selection Panel to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Woods
Chair of Governors

