

# Person Specification / Selection Criteria Head Teacher

## A. Training and Qualifications

	Essential	Desirable	Source
Recognised degree or equivalent	✓		A
Qualified Teacher Status	✓		A
Hold NPQH		✓	A
A recent and appropriate record of professional development relating to school leadership	<b>✓</b>		А
A track record of collaborative working with other schools		<b>√</b>	A,I

#### **B.** Experience

	Essential	Desirable	Source  A = Application I = Interview R = References T = Task/Observation
Successful experience of teaching and leadership across the Primary stage	✓		A,I
Successful experience of being a Head Teacher or Deputy Headteacher in a primary school		✓	A,R
Proven track record in raising education standards for all pupils in the primary range	<b>√</b>		A,I,R
Understanding of strategic financial planning, budgeting and resource management		✓	A,I
Commitment to fostering and developing the relationships between the school, parents, local and wider community	<b>✓</b>		A,I
Proven track record of impact of key school improvement priorities based on effective school self-evaluation	<b>√</b>		A,I
A commitment to effective continuous professional development for all staff	✓		A,I
Ability to exemplify how the needs of all groups have been met through high quality teaching (eg, SEN, EAL, Rapid Graspers, PP, FSM, gender)	<b>√</b>		A,I
Have up-to-date knowledge of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with, and the protection of children and young people	<b>√</b>		A,I

















#### C. Personal Skill and Abilities and Understanding

Applicants should be able to provide evidence that they have the necessary skills and abilities required.

	Essential	Desirable	Source
Ability to lead and inspire	✓		I,T
Decision-making skills	✓		I,T
Good communication and interpersonal skills	<b>✓</b>		I,T
Ability to manage and prioritise	✓		I,T
Ability to seek advice and support when necessary, e.g. from outside agencies	<b>~</b>		A,I,T
Ability to apply analytical, creative and flexible solutions in response to the changing demands in schools	<b>✓</b>		A,I
Demonstration of a high degree of personal integrity	<b>√</b>		A,I
Astute with political acumen and good judgement; be able to reach and justify difficult decisions	<b>√</b>		A,I

### D. Professional Knowledge and Understanding

Applicants should be able to demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of the following areas

	Essential	Desirable	Source
Pupils' educational development	✓		A,I
School leadership and management	✓		A,I
Curriculum and assessment, including subjects and cross-curricular aspects	<b>✓</b>		A,I
Effective teaching and learning strategies	✓		A,I,T
School improvement strategies, including use of assessment information to accelerate progress	<b>✓</b>		A,I,T
Application of technology to teaching, learning, leadership and management	<b>~</b>		A,T
A good knowledge of SEND and current developments	<b>~</b>		A,T

#### E. Knowledge and Skills

Able to articulate and share an ambitious strategic	✓	A,I
vision that gains ownership throughout the school		
Knowledge and understanding of current	✓	A,I
education issues, regional and national		
development and best practice in education		
Ability to impact on standards and the evaluation	✓	A,I,R
of teaching and learning in schools		
Ability to work successfully with the staff and	✓	A,I
Governing body		<b>*</b> *

















Ability to strategically lead, promote and demonstrate good communication systems to a range of audiences	<b>✓</b>	A,I,R
Experience of, and a commitment to sustaining a safe, secure and healthy environment, and to promoting diversity and equal opportunities	<b>√</b>	A,I,R

#### F. Other Requirements

	Essential	Desirable	Source
A commitment to our core values of 'Happiness,	✓		A,I
Encouragement, Aspirations, Respect and			
Teamwork'			
A commitment to lifelong learning and continuous	✓		A,I
improvement			
A strong commitment to working with and	✓		A,I
involving parents as partners in learning			
A commitment to continuing professional	✓		A,I
development			
A strong team player who seeks opportunities with	✓		A,I
a proven track record of working collaboratively			

# **Application Form and Supporting Statement**

The application form must be fully completed and legible. A supporting letter, of no more than three sides of A4 paper, font size 12, should clearly and concisely demonstrate how your experience relates to the person specification.

#### **Confidential References and Reports**

Written references will be requested to confirm experience, professional and personal knowledge, skills and abilities.

Proof of qualifications will be required at interview.













