Dear Applicant,

Post: Apprentice Teaching Assistant 3

Thank you for your interest in the position of apprentice teaching assistant at our school. You would be guaranteed a warm welcome and a happy environment and where our school motto; **‘Children at the heart of our School. School at the heart of our community.’** encompasses our ethos.Cottam is a school where our high academic standards are met with equally high pastoral expectations.

Cottam Primary School is an exciting place to be, for our children and the adults working alongside them. We are a popular school and have begun a permanent expansion, increasing our capacity from single to two form entry. We are a school on a journey, with lots of opportunities and exciting challenges ahead of us.

We would like to appoint someone who will strive for excellence; who is committed to making the most of every minute the children spend in school; who is passionate about children; and is prepared to go the extra mile, using their skills, knowledge and creativity to provide a highly effective, bespoke curriculum for our pupils.

We are a forward thinking, values-based school which continues to develop not only in terms of standards but also in approaches to curriculum development and inclusion. We believe that all children are entitled to a curriculum that enables them to make progress whatever their starting points and strive to achieve this every day. Our children benefit from being part of a school community where they feel secure, valued and cared for. They have the opportunity to study a wide, varied and rich curriculum. The wider community includes supportive parents and governors, who are knowledgeable, supportive and play an active role within the life of the school.

We welcome all applications and are seeking a new teaching assistant who can complement and enhance our already strong and dedicated team.

Our children are vibrant, caring and love coming to school. In return, they deserve the best. If you are committed to children, enthusiastic about learning and your own professional development, have high expectations, are well-organised, have a sense of humour and are excited about new opportunities, then we would love to meet you.

Visits to school are encouraged but if you are unable to visit, please give our Headteacher, Kellie Rainford a ring on 01772 727053 to have an informal chat and find out what makes Cottam a special place to work.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please visit the school website, [www.cottam.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.cottam.lancs.sch.uk) or book a visit prior to application by ringing 01772 727053 to speak with a member of our team.

Good luck with your application.

Kellie Rainford

Headteacher

**Key Dates**

**Closing Date: Friday 13th June**

**All candidates will be observed sharing a story with a small group of children**

**Proposed Interview Date: Friday 20th June**