

Copp Cares

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*“Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action*.” (*1 John 3:18)*

**GREAT ECCLESTON COPP**

**Church of England Primary School**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in becoming the next Headteacher of Great Eccleston Copp Church of England Primary School.

Our school is located between the thriving villages of Great Eccleston and Elswick and draws pupils from the villages and surrounding area. We presently have 138 pupils and provide a very successful pre-school and before / after school club which is run by the school.

We are blessed with talented teaching and support staff, an active ‘Friends of Copp School’ (PTA), a proud track record of providing extra-curricular opportunities for our children and a Board of Governors that is supportive, ambitious for the very best outcomes for the children and who value the school’s important role in our local community. As a Church of England school, we have active involvement with the church and a Christian ethos is central to the school’s philosophy. We expect our new Headteacher to be energetic and to take an active role in engaging with the church and the local community.

Great Eccleston Copp is a vibrant school where children are enthusiastic and motivated to be the best that they can be. Every decision we make is child-focused, so that our school is constantly evolving to fit the needs of our children and families. We are very proud of our happy, thoughtful, confident pupils, who are excellent ambassadors for the love and caring which stems from our Christian Vision.  We enjoy a happy, small-school ethos where everyone is valued and nurtured as an individual and where we encourage our children to develop a range of Christian values, to help them be better equipped to respect and value others around them.

OFSTED rated the school as GOOD in 2016 and our SIAMS rating was EXCELLENT in 2020. We anticipate an OFSTED inspection in the near future and the Governors are looking for a Headteacher who will see that as an opportunity to set a high baseline from which to advance the school even further.

We offer:

* a warm welcome to our village school, where everyone is special, and God helps the children and staff to grow;
* a valued place at the heart of our community;
* established relationships with the church;
* committed and talented staff;
* Governors that are supportive and engaged;
* openness to new ideas;
* on-going professional development;
* and above all – a marvellous set of children who love, not in word, but in truth and action.

Please see the letter from our Junior Leadership Team who have explained what they are hoping for in the school’s new Headteacher. Ultimately, we are seeking a leader who will be happy in their work and who shares in our vision and priorities to ensure that the children and staff are rounded, confident and happy and reflect on their time at Great Eccleston Copp with pride.

I hope that having read this letter you are excited about the opportunity to lead this wonderful school and I wish you all the best with your application.

Andrew Daniels

Chair of Governors



Bishop’s Award

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