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Acting Headteacher: Mr Adam Newton

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher at Dallas Road School. I am very proud to be the Chair of Governors at a school that recognises that academic success can only be achieved in an environment that supports and cares for the wellbeing of children and staff alike. Our March 2017 Ofsted Report commented that parents “very frequently highlighted that their children are happy and enjoy school”. I can only echo this for my own children, one of which has already made a successful and confident transition to secondary school, thanks to the foundations laid at Dallas Road.

There is no denying that Dallas Road is facing a challenging future, just like every other school, and the pandemic has put areas in need of development into sharp focus. While we have always had a high number of international pupils with EAL, the demographics of our intake are changing; we are increasingly taking in children with no English at all and more and more children with SEN. As an inclusive school with “School of Sanctuary” status, we are deeply committed to ensure that all children are supported to achieve their personal best in a values-based environment.

Dallas Road is situated in the centre of Lancaster, in a historic building with limited outside space. While the building itself is in good condition and very well equipped, the location poses unique challenges and requires careful organisation of the available space, as well as opportunities to expand the children’s learning experiences through off-site activities. We are very fortunate that our wider community offers great outside spaces, such as public gardens, a community orchard and a wildlife reserve, all within walking distance. We are very hopeful that the new academic year will see us being able to make full use of these opportunities once again after such a long period of restrictions.

The successes of Dallas Road are due to great teamwork. We have committed, enthusiastic and hard-working staff and governors; we have engaged parents who are happy to contribute to school life giving time and expertise; and we have a supportive community that offers a wealth of opportunities to connect.

What we need now is an innovative and inspirational new leader, who possesses a strategic vision to take Dallas Road confidently forward into its next chapter. If you are this person and have the ambition, experience and skills to provide strong yet compassionate leadership and management that will affect real change and innovation in our fantastic school, then we would be delighted to receive your application.

With very best wishes,
Uschi Maden-Weinberger
Chair of Governors

