Dear candidate,

Thank you for taking an interest in the post of Deputy Headteacher at our happy, thriving school. We are very pleased to be able to offer this exciting opportunity for someone who believes they will be able to work alongside and lead colleagues to help take Cottam on the next step of its journey and taking our school to the next level. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to help establish a newly formed Senior Leadership Team and will be instrumental in shaping the future of our school.

Cottam Primary School has been at the heart of the Cottam Community since 1998. We have a dedicated staff, supportive governors and strong partnerships with our parents. We are constantly developing and our ambition is that we continue to improve year upon year whilst retaining our traditional family approach and core values. We live by our school vision, ‘Children at the heart of our school. School at the heart of our community’, which is at the forefront of everything we do. We want all of our children to become confident young people with a sense of curiosity about their rapidly changing world. We encourage our pupils to be responsible citizens who care for each other and for the world they live in. Our pupils love to learn, and are eager to embrace the opportunities that they encounter. They love sport, the arts, science and technology and we encourage them to develop their own individual strengths. Our children tell us that they want a Deputy Headteacher who is funny, caring, a little bit strict and most of all happy.

Our governors would like a Deputy Headteacher who is an outstanding, inspirational classroom practitioner. It is important that we have a Deputy Headteacher who leads by example and has high ambitions for themselves and for our pupils. We would particularly like to hear from people who have experience in delivering inspirational inclusion leadership to our children, staff and families where every child is supported in becoming the best they can be. The successful candidate needs to have high expectation of what all children can achieve, regardless of barriers; someone who will thrive upon providing equal opportunity for all. It is important our new Deputy Headteacher has a passion for reading and outdoor learning.

We know that Cottam is going places. If you think you are the right person to help take us there, please make an appointment to view the school by contacting the school office on bursar@cottam.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 727053

We look forward to meeting you and receiving your application

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kellie Rainford Mr Mark Whelan