

**Person Specification for**

**Headteacher at Larkholme Primary School.**

***The applicant will be required to safeguard and promote***

***the welfare of children and young people***

Selection decisions will be based on the criteria below. At each stage of the process an assessment will be made by the appointment panel to determine the extent to which the criteria have been met and the ability to fulfil the job description for the post.

Candidates failing to meet any of the essential criteria will automatically be excluded at any stage of the process.

The appointing panel will use a combination of assessment tools to determine each candidate's suitability and the extent to which the criteria have been met. These assessment tools include (but are not limited to) the application form, supporting statement, information gathered during the interview process and references.

**[A] Qualifications**

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|  | **Qualification requirements** | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | Qualified teacher status | **E** |

**[B] Professional Development**

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|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | Evidence of recent and appropriate leadership and management professional development | **E** |

**[C] School leadership and management knowledge and experience**

|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
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|  | Successful leadership as a Headteacher | **D** |
|  | Substantial proven track record of successful leadership as a Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Head or equivalent | **E** |
|  | Proven track record of successfully delivering whole school improvement | **E** |
|  | Evidence of the application of strategies to review, evaluate and improve teaching and learning. | **E** |
|  | Significant experience of leading curriculum development | **E** |
|  | Experience of monitoring staff performance leading to professional development | **E** |
|  | Experience of effective budget management and financial analysis | **E** |
|  | An understanding of strategic financial planning in relation to its contribution to school improvement and pupil achievement. | **E** |
|  | The ability to provide support and advice to the Governing Board to enable it to meet its responsibilities. | **E** |
|  | To have had experience of guiding, mentoring or training individuals or teams. | **E** |

**[D] Experience and knowledge of teaching**

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|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | To have an excellent working and current knowledge and understanding of teaching in all 3 Key Stages in the primary phase | **E** |
|  | Can effectively analyse school data and identify appropriate actions which then form part of the school improvement plan. | **E** |
|  | A sound understanding of how children learn, how teachers can best teach and how to raise achievement for all pupils. | **E** |

**[E] Professional Attributes**

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|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | Strong behaviour management skills | **E** |
|  | An ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with a range of audiences | **E** |
|  | To be a leader of learning; demonstrating, promoting and encouraging excellent classroom practice. | **E** |
|  | A commitment to the professional development for all staff, and self. | **E** |
|  | Have a good commitment to sustaining regular attendance at work | **E** |
|  | An ability to engage and work collaboratively with parents and carers. | **E** |

**[F] Personal Qualities**

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|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | A passion for achieving the very best outcomes for all children | **E** |
|  | A clear vision for an innovative, progressive and forward thinking school. | **E** |
|  | The capacity to build confidence by providing inspirational, enthusiastic and innovative educational leadership | **E** |
|  | A caring and considerate attitude towards children, which values each child's potential and recognises each child as an individual. | **E** |
|  | An ability to establish effective working relationships with a wide and diverse range of people including pupils, parents, Governors, colleagues, other professionals and wider community | **E** |

**[G] Safeguarding**

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|  |  | **Essential/ Desirable** |
|  | Has up to date knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with and protection of children and young people | **E** |

**[H] Professional Skills**

Each candidate will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Headteachers' Standards 2020 which also form the basis of the Job Description. Candidates will be expected to show evidence of having applied this knowledge and understanding in their current setting as well as an awareness of how this will be applied in xxx school.

**[I] Confidential References and Reports**

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| Positive recommendation from all referees, including current employer | **E** |

**[J] Application Form and Supporting Statement**

*The form must be fully completed and legible. The supporting statement should be clear, concise and related to the specific post.*

***Governors have requested that Supporting Statements are completed in Arial font size 12***