

# YOU ARE WELCOME HERE...



Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest the post of Deputy Headteacher in our lovely school. We are very proud of our successful, diverse school family and are pleased that you are considering joining us on this next stage of our flourishing!

Balderstone St Leonard's currently has four mixed aged classes (including a pre-school), is located in an idyllic rural setting in the Ribble Valley and is committed to providing the very best outcomes for **all** of our children. We are undoubtedly a nurturing and happy school, dedicated to the wellbeing of our team and our high standards and expectations of behaviour, learning and care. Our school benefits from outstanding grounds, a beautiful Forest School with stream and an amazing new classroom (built this year) and we are currently investing in new technology across the school.

We see our new deputy head as facilitating and modelling enthusiastic and creative teaching and inspiring others. First and foremost, we are looking for a creative, innovative and outstanding classroom teacher who puts learning at the heart of their role and a person who can work cooperatively and complement our newly promoted Deputy in her new role as Headteacher. On the next phase of our development, we are working hard on our curriculum design and next year especially developing our computing curriculum. Our main focus will be on curriculum progression and knowledge development.

You would have outstanding support from our parents and governors, who are very active and appreciate everything our school and staff strive to do for our children, community and church. If you can help us realise our vision of helping all our school family flourish and grow in faith, knowledge and care and you are a keen team player with a good sense of humour then you will find that Balderstone St Leonard's is a perfect fit for you.

We would highly recommend that you visit our school before you apply where Mrs Banks, the current Headteacher and Mrs Gow the Headteacher designate will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have. It would be really beneficial for you to visit whilst the children are in school if possible, so you can see the school family in action.

Importantly, our children are very much involved in the process of recruitment, and they would like a new Deputy Head who:

- Has a kind and fair manner
- Is a great role model for behaviour so we can make our school mission statement lived every day. When needed they can 'put their foot down!'
- Has a welcoming sense of humour, is approachable and can laugh with us and is also patient
- Can bring out the joy and the best in us
- Is a teacher who can explain things really well
- We are a team and love reliable, consistent, trustworthy team players.
- Likes a good brew! (this of course is optional)

Please contact Mrs Banks, the current Head, to arrange an appointment to visit the school. We very much look forward to meeting you and helping you on your leadership journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Janet Banks & Mrs Vicki Gow