22 March 2024

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing an interest in the post of UKS2 Team Leader at Ryelands Primary and Nursery school. I am excited by the prospect of welcoming an experienced and outstanding teacher to join our effective leadership team and dedicated school staff. As a senior leader at Ryelands, you would be working alongside myself and the senior leadership team to ensure the most positive outcomes for all pupils and specifically for the pupils in Upper Key Stage 2. The Senior Leadership Team includes a non-class-based Deputy Headteacher, an Assistant Headteacher who leads on Curriculum and who is also Team Leader for their LKS2 phase and there are two further Team Leaders for KS1 and EYFS. In addition, there is a part-time, non-teaching SENCO and a Pupil Support Manager who is the DSL and Behaviour Lead.

This is a positive time to be joining the staff at Ryelands. Our school has made significant and successful progress in its journey in recent years. In 2023 pupil outcomes were strong when compared to historic data, on-entry profiles and the national picture. We are proud of this, and yet we have ambitions for greater improvement and wider development. We place great importance on CPD at all levels. Ryelands is recognised for its exemplary practice and we value collaborative working to improve educational outcomes for young people beyond our own school community. Examples of this are our pioneering work on the Morecambe Bay Curriculum and our well-established links with the North North West Maths Hub. Most importantly, Ryelands is a very happy school and place to work.

We are looking to appoint a Team Leader to complement our leadership team, with an enthusiasm and commitment to raising standards and to providing the very best provision for all pupils and who holds a core desire to make a difference. We wish to appoint an outstanding teacher who can lead by example and who can work alongside the leadership team to drive improvements with focus and care for individuals and the community.

At Ryelands, each Team Leader has one afternoon per week to carry out their additional duties and often we will meet as an SLT in this time; additional non-contact time is scheduled according to school improvement work and monitoring activities. This post also carries the responsibility of Subject Leader – please state your subject strengths in your application. If you would like any further details of the school, or the post advertised, please feel free to contact me. I would be more than happy to show you around school prior to application. Successful applicants will have a further opportunity to visit and spend quality time in school alongside the interview process.

Applications should be received by 12 noon on Friday 19th April. Successful applicants will be invited to spend the day in school on Tuesday 30th April and then interview on Thursday 2nd May. Good luck with your application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Linda Pye

Headteacher