



Thank you for your interest in joining our school. We are appointing a new headteacher to lead Catforth Primary School from January 2026.

Our current headteacher has been with the school for over a decade; she is a highly respected and inspirational leader who has created a culture where everyone lives up to our school motto 'to be the best that we can be'. When our headteacher retires, at the end of this calendar year, our school will begin a new chapter.

This appointment would be a wonderful opportunity for someone who is looking for their first role as a headteacher. Governors and I are looking forward to getting to know more about you and your vision for the school and what this new chapter for the school could be.

The school was recently inspected by Ofsted, we are proud to say that Ofsted found us to be a good school overall and stated the school's work to promote the pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is outstanding (September 2023). You can read the full report [here](#). You will read that our pupils model outstanding behaviour and their love of learning is reflected in their engagement in lessons. You will also see that our staff are enthusiastic and committed to their work. This is a great school to be a part of.

Catforth Primary School is a maintained primary school for children aged 3 to 11. We currently have 104 children on roll, across all four mixed year group classes.

Our experienced governing board and families of the school are very supportive, and we have an active and successful PTFA with a varied and well-attended calendar of regular events and fundraisers. We are part of a small village community in a peaceful rural location.

Our children are confident, happy and supportive individuals. One of the things that makes Catforth special is that our school is small, which means all our children know and care for each other. The small year groups result in an inclusive and caring culture where everyone is seen, respected and their unique personality is recognised and, as quoted by Ofsted, *"pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning are exemplary. Pupils are curious, attentive and keen to do well. They take great pride in their work and in being members of this school."*

We have a fantastic staff team, some very experienced and others at an earlier stage in their teaching career. Regardless of their level of teaching experience, they are dedicated and inspirational and have wonderful relationships with the children. Our team work hard to share best practice and embrace change where necessary.

Supportive relationships at every level, alongside celebration of success, make Catforth a great place to work.

In your application, please share your educational and leadership values and tell us why you want to be our new headteacher.

We wish you every success with your application and look forward to hearing more about you and your skills and experience.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Tappenden

Chair of Governors