

Person Specification Year Group Lead Teacher

| Category | Essential Criteria | Desirable Criteria |
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| Qualifications & | - Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) | - Relevant NPQ (e.g. NPQML, NPQSL) or |
| Training | - Evidence of ongoing professional development | alternative leadership qualification A postgraduate qualification in education or leadership Additional qualifications in SEND, curriculum leadership, or coaching |
| Experience | Significant teaching experience within a primary school setting Experience of successfully leading a team and improving pupil outcomes Proven track record of delivering high-quality learning and teaching Experience of leading CPD or supporting the development of other staff | Experience of leading whole-school improvement initiatives Previous experience as a subject, phase, or year group leader Experience of working with external agencies or the wider community |
| Knowledge & Skills | Strong understanding of curriculum design, planning, and assessment Knowledge of safeguarding policies and procedures Ability to analyse data effectively to drive pupil progress Excellent communication and interpersonal skills Ability to lead and manage change effectively Commitment to promoting equal opportunities Strong organisational and time-management skills Strong IT skills and use of technology including Al | Familiarity with the latest educational research and evidence-based practice Experience in developing or implementing school policies Ability to use new technologies effectively to support learning |
| Leadership & Management | Experience of setting high expectations for teaching and learning Ability to model outstanding classroom practice Experience of leading a phase, year group, or curriculum area Ability to support, mentor, and coach colleagues Commitment to fostering a positive and collaborative learning culture | Experience in a middle or senior leadership role Experience in engaging and influencing wider school decision-making |
| Principles of Ethical Leadership | Demonstrates selflessness: Acts in the best interest of pupils, staff, and the school community Shows integrity: Upholds high moral and ethical standards | Advocates for ethical leadership principles at a whole-school level Actively promotes these values within staff development and decision-making processes |

| | Displays objectivity: Makes decisions based on evidence and fairness Practices accountability: Accepts responsibility for outcomes and actions Encourages openness: Promotes a culture of transparency and dialogue Demonstrates honesty: Communicates truthfully and fairly Acts with leadership: Inspires and motivates others with a clear vision | |
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| Personal Attributes | High levels of resilience and adaptability Passionate about improving outcomes for all pupils A reflective practitioner who is committed to self-improvement Ability to build positive relationships with pupils, staff, and the wider community Model positive work/life blend | A commitment to lifelong learning and research-informed practice Ability to inspire and develop future leaders within the school |