

Person Specification Year Group Lead Teacher

Category	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
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 	
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