

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

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