

Dear applicant,

Welcome to Hague Bar Primary School and thank you for your interest in our Headteacher vacancy. As the Chair of Governors, I would like to tell you a little bit about our school and hopefully convey to you some of the many reasons we are so proud of it.

In our last OFSTED report in 2017, when we were assessed as continuing to be a good school, Hague Bar was described as “a happy, harmonious learning environment where staff work closely together”. In 2019 Key Stage 2 results were significantly above Local Authority and national averages. Our children regularly receive external recognition for their caring attitude and exemplary behaviour, underpinned by the use of restorative justice practices.

We believe that we are a thriving school at the heart of the community we serve, chosen by most parents for our highly inclusive ethos, holistic approach to education and a passionate desire to give every child the very best chance to achieve their full potential. We offer a broad-based curriculum which is not only focussed on academic achievement but also enterprise skills, character education and learning outside the classroom. Some of the school’s unique achievements are being:

- the first school in Derbyshire to achieve the Prince William Award twice
- one of only 3 schools in Derbyshire to win a Platinum Sports Award
- one of a very few schools to become an Achievement for All Lead School in 2017

We are now at a pivotal point in our development as a school, having taken a decision to apply to join The TRUE Learning Partnership (TTLP) , a small, but growing community-focussed, values-based MAT which we feel closely matches our ethos and which will not only help to ensure the future sustainability of the school but also provide fantastic opportunities for the development of both our pupils and staff. To find out more about TTLP please check out their website. Our application is due to be reviewed by the Regional Schools Commissioner on February 27th and we are confident that we will be granted our Academy Award.

We wish to appoint someone who will maintain our present ethos, build on our strengths and successes, and guide it through this exciting and challenging transition. As with most small schools, this is a teaching headship, so we are also looking for somebody who not only has a clear vision, but who also has the ability to juggle the delivery of long-term goals whilst ensuring the smooth delivery of the day-to-day running of the school.

If this sounds like you, then we’d really like to hear from you!

If you would like to know more about our school you can check out our website, but we would also be delighted to provide you with the opportunity to come and visit us. Please give the school a call on 01663 762203 to make an appointment.

The closing date for applications is February 23rd. We currently expect to interview on March 10th and 11th. and we may ask to observe you teaching in your current school prior to that. Whatever you decide, we send our best wishes for your continued success.

Yours faithfully

Julie Sutton