

SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET FOR GRADE 4 TEACHING ASSISTANT APPLICANTS

Holgate Primary School
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HUCKNALL
Nottinghamshire
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(in Collaboration with)

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Dear Applicant,

I have included this to give you some information about the context of Holgate Primary & Nursery School which I hope will help you in your consideration of this post.

Holgate Primary & Nursery School opened in September 2014 with the amalgamation of the former Annie Holgate Junior and Annie Holgate Infant Schools. We initially ran within two buildings which were built in 1951 that had previously served the two separate schools.

However, we were fortunate to be on the priority list for a new school building and were involved fully in the planning and design of a new build in partnership with the Education Funding Agency.

We finally opened the doors of our newly built school to our children for the first time in January 2016 after the task of moving across had been accomplished. It has created a calm and purposeful learning environment which is bright and welcoming. As well as light, airy classrooms, the school has additional group rooms, a fully fitted computer room, two halls, a food technology room, discreet staff working spaces and plenty of storage facilities.

Holgate Primary & Nursery School belongs to The Holgate Academy family of schools and relationships within our Family of Schools and the Hucknall area schools are good with opportunities for planning and joint professional development activities.

I initially commenced leading the school when I was placed as the Executive Head Teacher of Annie Holgate Junior School in November 2013 as it was in some difficulty. I remained throughout the amalgamation period and was asked to continue as part of an arrangement with my substantive school in Mansfield. As from September 2014 the exciting partnership between Sutton Road Primary School & Nursery and the new Holgate Primary & Nursery School was brokered into a formal collaboration by both Governing Bodies and the Local Authority.

One of the key contributory factors to the faster pace of improvement that has taken place over the past few years is due to the partnership links between the two school. Using this, combined with making some significant changes within the internal running of the school alongside reviews of the leadership structure and school methodology, the school is now firmly established as a successful, happy and vibrant Primary School of quality for the Hucknall area

The two collaborated schools are geographically 9 miles (20-minute drive) apart and serve very similar catchments. Due to this we have become securely linked to ensure support at all levels is able to be provided as and where it is needed to secure improvements and benefit both schools' future growth. Not only does this provide a fantastic opportunity to quality assure all we do together, but it also supports workload and more efficient use of staff expertise than would be possible in one school, working in isolation.

The Governing Body of Holgate Primary School and myself are keen to attract high quality candidates to take up this vacancy which offers challenge, excitement and a unique opportunity. The successful candidate will become a valuable member of our forward thinking and supportive team in supporting me as the Executive Head Teacher in ensuring Holgate Primary continues to provide a positive and aspirational future for staff and children who are part of the schools. The post would be based at the Holgate Primary working alongside Head of School, Sam Sheridan.

With this firmly at the forefront of improving standards, the Governors and I expect all our staff to ensure they help develop and support a school ethos of all being fully pro-active and responsible for bringing the best in our children out through outstanding practice and provision.

The successful post holder can be secure in the knowledge that they will obtain a wealth of experience. We are looking for someone who can give totally the same determination and commitment to the school that myself, the staff, the Governors and our children share and someone who is able to uphold and embed the very high expectations we strive for within all our colleagues in our collaboration.

In return we offer a supportive, friendly and collaborative staff to work alongside, well-resourced and attractive accommodation to work in and some very special and wonderful children to work for!

If you would like to speak to me before the closing date, please do not hesitate to contact Holgate Primary School (0115 963 8649). Thank you for your interest.

Nicola Davies

Executive Head Teacher