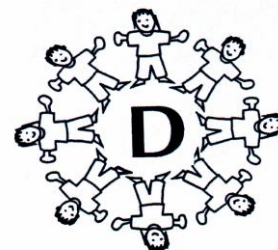


Dalestorth Primary & Nursery School

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Information for Applicants

Post: Temporary Full-time KS1 Teaching Assistant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Temporary Full-time KS1 Teaching Assistant at Dalestorth Primary & Nursery School. Please find enclosed an application form and relevant information relating to this post, you can also visit our school website.

Dalestorth Primary School is a popular primary school with a roll of 357 including Nursery children. We are situated close to the King's Mill junction on the A38 between Sutton and Mansfield town centres with good links to the M1 at Junction 38. The school was built in 1972 and is modular "CLASP" construction. Teaching bays have been adapted to give a more formal classroom layout whilst still retaining some flexibility to teach as a team when the situation warrants it and as school continues to grow, extensions have been added. The school benefits from extensive grounds and a developing outdoor area.

Our pupils normally come to us from our own busy, successful nursery. Due to demand for places, school increased its PAN from 30 to 45 in 2014 and this has now worked its way through school. School is popular in the local area, and always full with a heavy waiting list.

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 have their own buildings. FS1 is a 26 place nursery and Foundation Stage 2 caters for 45 children taught by two teachers and two teaching assistants. The Foundation team work well together across FS1 and 2. Key Stage 1 is staffed by four very experienced teachers and a team of teaching assistants who are responsible for teaching 90 Year 1/2 children. Classes are organised into Year 1, Year 1 / 2 mixed and Year 2. Key Stage 1 and FS2 staff work closely as a team.

Key Stage 2 has the same class structure as Key Stage 1. Classes are organised into Year 3, Year 3 / 4 mixed, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6 mixed and Year 6. Key Stage 2 staff work closely as a team. KS2 staff are supported by very able teaching assistants, together the team enable children to make great progress.

The school remains outstanding since its last inspection in 2007. We work extremely hard to maintain academic excellence in school.

You will be joining a school where teachers are committed to improving practice and where children behave impeccably and enjoy learning. We actively encourage students to take up training placements with us. We will often have students from West Notts. College, Ashfield College and Sutton Centre College working in the classroom alongside teachers and we provide a fantastic placement and support to university students on teacher training.

Teachers at Dalestorth work hard at maintaining a calm but busy and creative working environment. A great deal of work takes place to develop the child's social skills and manners; children are independent, caring and eager to play a part in school. The School Council plays an important part in shaping developments in school. We have representative teams that take part in a large variety of sports festivals and competitions and school provides varied after school clubs as well as an early morning Breakfast Club. Parents and Governors of the school are extremely positive and tremendously loyal. The governing body meets regularly and is supportive of the school in its endeavours to raise standards of achievement. Parents are very interested in the work of their children, they are keen fundraisers and very supportive of school.

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate that they are a highly effective Teaching Assistant who will enjoy working with a supportive and hardworking KS1 team. You will need to demonstrate a commitment to fully contributing to our KS1 team and to the wider life of the school. Please state your areas of expertise and experience and your curricular strengths in your application.

Dalestorth Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please note that in line with the safeguarding requirements, if you are shortlisted,

- references will be requested prior to interview from your current or last employer. Referees may also be contacted by telephone.
- you will need to bring with you to the interview original documentation to prove your identity and that you have a right to work in the UK
- you will need to bring with you to the interview original qualification certificates essential to the post.

Further details will be given if you are invited to an interview. Please also note that if you are successful for teaching post in a school you will also be subject to a prohibition from teaching check and for certain posts in schools a disqualification under the childcare act 2006 check will also be required if you work in certain settings.

The School, together with the recognised trade unions, is committed to the development of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment and in the delivery of our services, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or trade union membership status. This commitment will apply to recruitment and selection practices, training and development, promotion and in the application of national and local agreements in respect of pay and conditions of service. Disabled candidates who meet the essential requirements of the post will be guaranteed an interview.

Completed application forms should be returned to the Assistant Heads by post or by hand (please ensure the correct postage is used to ensure your application is received on time) or by email to office@dalestorth.notts.sch.uk

Please note that only fully completed application forms will be accepted and the school will not accept CVs in lieu of the application form.

If you have any queries or questions about the post please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School visits are available on request and strongly encouraged.

Please telephone school on 01623 459339 to arrange a visit.

Closing date for applications: Midday on Wednesday 5th February

Interviews: Thursday 13th February