January 2016

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this key position for our federation.

James Calvert Spence College is an improving school, with GCSE and A-Level results for 2015 showing a three year trend of improvement. The existing middle and high school federation has recently been augmented by Acklington Church of England First School, so we can now provide education for our community from nursery to A-Level. I took up post in January 2016 and am proud to lead the federation – it’s a fantastic place to work, with friendly, happy students and committed staff.

Subject leadership posts across the federation are exclusively held by teachers with background in middle or high school education. Our recent addition of a First School to the federation, along with the necessity to improve our KS2 SAT results, has exacerbated the need for an experienced Primary practitioner to assist the Head of School [first and middle] in providing support to our curriculum leaders to ensure that the provision our younger students receive is second to none.

I am looking for someone who is an excellent teacher, who has a depth of knowledge and understanding of the Primary curriculum, who understands the changes to assessment and testing, particularly at KS2, and who can work as part of a team to make a real difference to the lives of our students.

I hope that, after reading the information on offer and visiting our website at www.jcsc.co.uk, you feel compelled to apply for the post. To do so, please complete the application form and return it with a letter of application that demonstrates your suitability for this role, paying close attention to criteria in the person specification.

The closing date for applications is midday on Monday, 22nd February 2016, with interviews scheduled to take place later that week.

Application packs can be downloaded from our website and completed applications should be emailed to [chutchinson01@jcsc.co.uk](mailto:chutchinson01@jcsc.co.uk).

If you would like more details, or to have an informal conversation about this opportunity, please don’t hesitate to contact me at [nrodgers01@jcsc.co.uk](mailto:nrodgers01@jcsc.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

Neil Rodgers

Executive Headteacher