



# Richard Coates CE School

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Headteacher: Mrs Heather M. Cape

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Dear Applicant

## Re: Early Years Practitioner Post

Thank you for your interest in the post of "Early Years Practitioner" at Richard Coates CE School in Ponteland. This is an exciting and unique opportunity and we very much look forward to hearing from you. Ponteland is located on the outskirts of Newcastle and has excellent public transport links, yet it enjoys the countryside benefits of being located within the picturesque county of rural Northumberland.

The school is facing an exciting time of change. We are currently in the process of transitioning from a middle school into a primary school as part of the Ponteland restructure of schools. In 2019, we not only look to celebrate our 300th birthday, we will also be relocating to our new school site next door (currently housing Ponteland First School).

As part of our change to primary education, we are looking for an outstanding and highly motivated Early Years practitioner with a passion for working with young children and the commitment to working as part of a team to provide high quality care and early education for children. The successful candidate will be a key team member providing an enabling environment in which all children can play, develop and learn.

Richard Coates is an incredible place to work. The pupils' behaviour is exemplary (Ofsted 2013) and the staff are a dedicated team of professionals who work closely and supportively with each other. The school is currently a large middle school of 480 pupils with a team of teachers (26) and non-teaching staff (15). From September 2017 we will be welcoming children into our Nursery and Reception classes, as well as pupils into Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We will continue to provide education for 3 – 13 year olds until a new secondary school opens in Ponteland in September 2019. At this point we will move sites and operate as a 3 – 11 primary school.

**Richard Coates CE School**  
Primary & Middle



**We are now enrolling Primary  
aged children for September 2017**

To find out more or to register your child please contact the school direct

Please contact us on 01661 823167 or visit [www.pontelandcoates.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.pontelandcoates.northumberland.sch.uk)

If you are excited about the opportunity of being part of a new and dynamic Early Years Team, establishing and shaping outstanding Early Years' learning and play experiences, we would love to hear from you. The successful candidate will begin in post in September 2017 although some agreed input may be required before this point to meet potential parents and children working towards the transition.

The closing date for applications is 9.00am on Friday 13th May 2017. If you have not heard from the school within 14 days of the closing date, please assume that on this occasion your application has been unsuccessful.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Cape  
Headteacher