



22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Applicant,

**Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator MPS/UPS plus TLR1a (paid at £8,921)**

Thank you for your interest in the above position. This is a very important appointment for the school. Durham Johnston Comprehensive School is a happy, successful and thriving community. We have a national reputation for academic excellence and are well respected in our local community, something of which we are very proud. Teachers often stay at Durham Johnston for a significant period of time as we value staff well-being and allow a significant amount of professional autonomy.

We are looking to recruit a talented and ambitious SENCo who is both an expert practitioner and a colleague with a desire to make our school accessible to all. It is important to note that our intake is fully comprehensive. We have many students joining us in Year 7 with the potential to achieve outstanding success academically alongside students who can find accessing education challenging for a variety of reasons. It is truly important to us that all these students benefit from their time here. We are seeking colleagues who can offer academic stretch in addition to focused and exciting learning in the classroom for all of our children. You should also have a genuine commitment to social justice and ensuring that every child in your care benefits from the supportive culture that you will help us to shape and refine.

To this end, we encourage colleagues at any stage in their career to apply to work in our school. We will always appoint the best practitioner for our students. Should you be interested and want to talk to someone about the school and the department, please feel free to contact me directly, or Nick Weaver (Assistant Headteacher).

In addition to completing the application form we would like you to outline, in no more than two sides of A4 paper, why your experience and personal qualities make you a strong candidate for this post. Please consider the job description and person specification very carefully when doing so.

The closing date is 11 a.m. on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. If you are returning your application by email please use the following address: [recruitment@durhamjohnston.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@durhamjohnston.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Andrew O'Sullivan**  
Headteacher



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