

February 2021

Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in the Class Teacher post presently being advertised at SELEfirst. The post is a full time fixed term position for one year from September 2021. We welcome applications from Early Careers teachers.

We are a large school. Our Nursery classes offer 39 places. All other classes are organised on the basis of age into national curriculum groupings with three classes in each year group. We currently have 406 children on roll.

Staff plan together weekly either in year groups or by key phase. Curriculum development work is a regular feature for all. A full and detailed in-service programme is published each year. Continuing personal and professional development is high on our agenda. Newly qualified and experienced staff are very well supported. Parents, staff and governors work together in the spirit of partnership to benefit and support all our children. We strive to provide high quality provision.

We benefit from the many contacts that allow us to work in partnership with other organisations across the region. We have the Basic Skills Quality Mark in recognition of the standard of teaching, assessment and work with parents across school. We have been mentioned three times in Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools' Annual Report listing particularly successful schools. We achieved Artsmark Platinum, Healthy Schools, the ICT Quality Mark, and the Science Platinum Mark. We are committed to high standards in all we do to support children. We endeavour to ensure that every second counts for the children at SELEfirst and that we continue to develop and improve.

The school is set in the heart of Hexham behind the Abbey and is surrounded by parkland. We are very accessible from Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside and even parts of Cumbria. We are three minutes away from the A69. We are a popular school.

Candidates should read the attached person specification and job description very carefully. Based upon this information they should submit a full and detailed letter plus a completed application form. Shortlisting is based on relevant points in the job description and criteria set out in the person specification. It is essential to read both before writing your letter.

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Please write or type letters on separate paper. Your name should be written on the bottom of each separate sheet included. Please do not send CVs, as all the necessary information should go on the application form.

The closing date for applications is noon on Friday 12 March 2021.

Applications should be returned to:

**Mrs Rebecca McVittie
Head Teacher
Sele First School
Hexham, Northumberland
NE46 3QZ**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca McVittie

Head Teacher

All candidates should note that the school operates a no-smoking policy throughout all its accommodation and grounds.

As you are no doubt aware, legislation is in place to ensure the protection of children. SELEfirst takes the issue of safeguarding children very seriously. If you are successful at interview, you will be required to obtain an 'Enhanced Disclosure' from the Disclosure Barring Service before we can proceed with the appointment. You will also be required to complete a Self-Disclosure Declaration prior to appointment. Reference requests will also require referees to comment on your suitability to work with young people. Any information received will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and any assessment made will be on an individual basis.