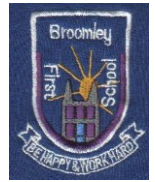


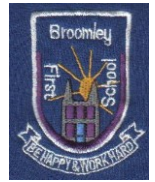


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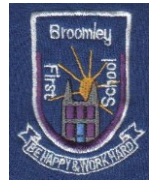
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1. Message from the Executive Head Teacher

Dear Prospective Applicant,

We are delighted that you are considering applying for the role of Class Teacher at the Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools. Your main base will be at Broomley First School however we are lucky enough to work as one whole team and you may be required to at times, attend Whittonstall First School too.

This information pack should provide you with all the relevant information you need but if you do have any questions please visit the School website

www.broomley.northumberland.sch.uk or contact the school on 01661 842271. We would also strongly encourage all interested candidates to arrange to visit the schools in person.

The Governing Body is looking to appoint an outstanding, inspiring, nurturing, motivational and exemplary class teacher, who is ambitious for our children; our staff; our schools and indeed themselves. We wish to appoint someone who shares our ethos and can use their recognised strengths to help us give all of our wonderful children the best. We need a team player who is always looking to try new things and has the ambition and drive to do what is best for our wonderful children.

In return we have a great deal to offer: In both of our schools our children are enthusiastic, happy, eager to learn, well behaved and are excellent ambassadors for what we do. We have a creative and stimulating learning environment with a close-knit team of experienced and highly supportive staff, who are committed to developing the teaching and learning ethos of our schools. We strongly believe in continued professional development and run a detailed CPD program throughout the year, to allow all of our staff to develop as practitioners and people.

The schools themselves are situated within the beautiful, and much sought after, residential area of the Tyne Valley. They are conveniently located to the local cultural centres of Newcastle upon Tyne and Durham, and enjoy close proximity to the popular quiet villages of Riding Mill, Corbridge and the historic market town of Hexham.

The wider Northumbrian countryside, wonderful coastline and World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall are all on our doorstep. We enjoy the many benefits of our countryside locations and it is part of our continued vision to celebrate our rural surroundings and embrace them in our teaching programmes. Forest School and outdoor learning lie at the heart of what we do, and we truly believe in developing each and everyone of our children to be the best they can be.

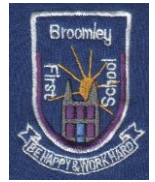
If you feel you would be a welcome addition to our team, we would love you to hear from you! When completing your application form and supporting statement, please specifically address the criteria in the person specification and return your application form and supporting statement to us by **5pm on Friday 16th April 2021**.

We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards

Leanne Barker

Executive Head Teacher



2. Message from the Children

Dear Teacher Applicant,

Thank you for thinking about coming to our school. We are the pupils of the Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools and we are writing to tell you what we really like about our school and let you know our "wish" list for a new Teacher. The teachers in both schools asked us for our opinions and would like to share with you what we think.

We all love how friendly our schools feel and the different things we do together! In both schools we feel lucky that we have great school lunches and super PE lessons. Our woods, visits, fields and play equipment are really important to us.

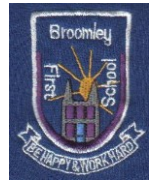
In lessons, we enjoy being challenged and the variety of work we are given. We learn lots through games, outside activities and we love Forest School activities too! Reading is super important to us – we love our libraries in both schools and enjoy celebrating our reading through our special weeks like Brilliant Book Week.

We like that we know when we have done well with our star rewards and our weekly Head Teacher awards too! We want our new Teacher to:

- "be funny, nice and kind"
- "be friendly, happy and make school fun"
- "make good decisions"
- "be strict but not too strict and have a sense of humour"
- "show respect" and "be fair"
- "work hard to make us happy"

We hope you are exactly what we want and need to keep our schools fantastic! Please!

The children of the Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools.



3. Our Schools

The Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools Federation was initially formed in January 2011 bringing together Whittonstall First School and Broomley First School under one Governing Body. The schools are located on two sites, 5 miles apart (10 minutes' drive) but work extremely closely together, with staff working across both sites, sharing resources and we also share a Head and Deputy Head Teacher. Since September 2019, both of our schools joined the Tyne Community Learning Trust with 8 other local schools including 5 first schools, 2 middle schools and Prudhoe High School.

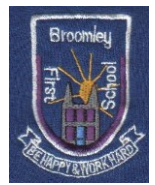
Our schools have a strong family ethos, work hard to making learning challenging yet fun, and seek to develop strong links between staff, parents, governors and the wider community. We have four purposes that guide our curriculum for our learners. Our 'curriculum' includes all the learning experiences and assessment activities that we plan carefully to ensure we allow our children to develop as:

- **Ambitious, resilient learners, ready to learn throughout their whole lives**
- **Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.**
- **Ethical, informed citizens of Britain and the World**
- **Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.**

In our schools you will find a happy, welcoming and stimulating environment providing high standards of education. All of our team value the efforts of the individual and strive to support the learning potential of all pupils whilst promoting equal opportunities. We promote learning for life and encourage children to learn no matter where they are, inside or out! We believe in giving confidence, and we work hard to nurture, encourage, support and extend all of our children to achieve their full, individual potential ensuring, that as they progress onto middle school, the 'whole' child has been developed.

We are committed to equal opportunities for all and pride ourselves in our inclusive approach to learning.

We appreciate how fortunate we are to have a hard-working, dedicated and ambitious board of governors who strive to challenge and support our School's high expectations for all children to achieve their full potential and move confidently to their next steps in education.



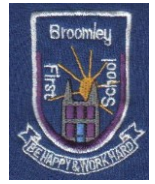
Whittonstall First School

Whittonstall First School is a very popular, good, village school for 3-9 year olds nestling in a beautiful, rural area on the southern edge of Northumberland. We are part of the Hexham Partnership with most of our children progressing to Corbridge Middle School and then to Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham. At Whittonstall we nurture kindness and the ability to care for others.

Set in a modern building with 3 main teaching areas – EYFS, KS1 and KS2; the school benefits from a small hall (doubling as a dinner hall), large playground and a fantastic field, with trees and a fire pit to support our Forest School activities. We have 3 full time teachers, 3 part-time teaching assistants, an office manager, a caretaker and a wonderful cook who provides what the children refer to as the 'the best meals ever!'

Whittonstall attracts a large number of pupils from outside of the catchment area in neighbouring County Durham. We currently have 78 wonderful children who enjoy coming to our school.





Broomley First School

Broomley First School is a very popular, outstanding, village school for 4-9 year olds located in Stocksfield, Tyne Valley. The school is set within a beautiful Victorian building, with a large playground, garden area with fire pit for our forest school activities and access to sports fields. We benefit from a large sports hall, separate dining hall where we provide our own tasty meals from local produce and enjoy spacious classrooms. In the grounds, we are very pleased to accommodate Mid Tyne Kids Club who provide excellent care for children both before and after school. There are currently 134 children in the school which is part of the Prudhoe Partnership with most children progressing to Ovingham Middle School and then to Prudhoe High School. The school is divided into five, single-age classrooms and a privately managed Pre-School. We are extremely proud of our Forest School successes.





4. Appointment and Remuneration

The Governing Body of Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools is committed to selecting an outstanding and ambitious professional to the teaching post of Class Teacher. The successful candidate will have the expertise to build upon existing exemplary practice coupled with drive and ambition to take our schools forward to an exciting future.

Salary:

The pay scale for the position is M1/M2

Interview timetable:

Your completed application and supporting statement must be received by **5pm on Friday 16th April, 2021.**

- Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the end of **Friday 23rd April, 2021.**
- Interviews and assessments will be held at **Broomley First School the week beginning 26th April 2021**

The selection process will be undertaken by the Governing Body of Whittonstall & Broomley First Schools.

Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of entirely satisfactory references, and the usual school pre-employment medical and background checks. An enhanced DBS disclosure will be required for this post.



5. Short-listing and selection decisions

Please complete the separate application form and provide a personal statement of no more than two A4 pages, outlining your motivation for applying.

Short-listing decisions will be made with reference to the person specification.

The application pack documents can be downloaded from the on-line advert or requested by email: Leanne.barker@broomley.northumberland.gov.uk

- a) Application form and notes
- b) Class Teacher Person Specification
- c) Class Teacher Job Description and Appendix 1
- d) The Information Pack

Visits to the schools

Visits to the schools in advance are warmly welcomed and you should contact our Admin team at Broomley First School, who will book your appointment. Visits will be available to both of our schools to allow you to see how our schools work together. Dates and times available are:

Tuesday 13th April – various times throughout the day

Wednesday 14th April - throughout the day

Tel: 01661 842271 to arrange a date and time.

Applications

Completed applications should be emailed to
Leanne.barker@broomley.northumberland.sch.uk

Alternatively they can be posted to:

Leanne Barker (Confidential to be opened by addressee only)
Broomley First School
Main Road
Stocksfield
Northumberland
NE43 7NN

To arrive no later than 5pm on Friday 16th April, 2021.

Questions

If you require more information on the process, or about the schools, please contact Leanne Barker, Executive Head Teacher.



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