



GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS for the position of Headteacher at Otterburn Primary School

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Headteacher in Northumberland. The governors and the Local Authority would like to thank you for your interest in this post. We believe that Northumberland is both a beautiful and rewarding place to live and work.

The job description and person specification have been provided to help you decide whether you wish to apply and, if so, to make an effective, good quality application.

Please take some time to match your skills, experience and aspirations against these when reaching your decision. Headteacher appointments are critical to the success of a school, and governors are looking for candidates who have a good understanding of the context of this particular school and a clear and committed vision for future success.

The Application Form

It is important that you complete all sections of the form and that you provide full information in each section. Please do not send a CV as these cannot be accepted.

Please note the requirement that you must not alter the design or layout of this form in any way. If you need this form in another format (in Braille, in large print etc), please contact Dave Cookson on 07342 059770.

As well as responding to the person specification in the 'Further Details in Support of your Application' section, we would ask you to answer the following question in **approximately 500 words**:

What would you see as the challenges in combining a headteacher role with a weekly teaching commitment, and how would you seek to overcome these challenges?

The closing date for the receipt of applications is noon on the 6 October. Shortlisting is scheduled for 11 October and the interview day will be on 20 October. Please ensure that your application is returned to headships@northumberland.gov.uk