Letter from the Chair of Governors

Headteacher Recruitment - St Helen Auckland Community Primary School

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for considering St Helen Auckland Community Primary School as the next step in your leadership career.

Our current Headteacher will retire at the end of the academic year after many years of dedicated service. We are very proud of the school that has developed under her leadership and are now looking for a Headteacher who will value those strengths while having the ambition and confidence to lead our next stage of development.

St Helen Auckland is a warm, inclusive school at the heart of its community. We want every child to feel safe, known, and valued and to be challenged to achieve their very best. Alongside academic achievement, we place great importance on children's wider development, wellbeing, confidence and sense of belonging.

We are particularly proud of our commitment to inclusion, including specialist support for pupils with additional needs, and of the opportunities we create through outdoor learning. Our staff work hard to give children a broad, engaging education and to build strong relationships with families.

As part of the Eden Learning Trust, the school also benefits from collaboration, professional support and shared expertise across the Trust. The successful Headteacher will be an important member of that wider leadership community as well as the professional leader of St Helen Auckland.

We are looking for a leader who is ethical, visible and approachable; who combines warmth with high expectations; and who can make clear, evidence-informed decisions. We want someone who will listen carefully, build trust, support and challenge staff, work positively with governors and the Trust, and always keep children's interests at the centre of their leadership.

If that opportunity excites you, I hope you will take time to learn more about our school and consider applying. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Yours faithfully

Leanne
Chair of Governors