Welcome from the Chief Executive Officer

Headteacher Recruitment - St Helen Auckland Community Primary School

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming the next Headteacher of St Helen Auckland Community Primary School. This is an important appointment for the school, its community, and Eden Learning Trust, and I am pleased that you are considering the opportunity.

Our Trust is committed to ensuring that each child experiences excellence every day. For a Headteacher, that means combining strong professional leadership of your own school with a clear commitment to safeguarding, high expectations, inclusion, responsible use of resources and continuous improvement.

St Helen Auckland brings significant strengths to the Trust: a warm and inclusive culture, strong relationships with families and the local community, committed staff and a clear focus on meeting the needs of every child. The next Headteacher will have the opportunity to build on those strengths while shaping the school's next stage of development.

As a Headteacher within Eden Learning Trust, you will work closely with me, fellow Headteachers, Trustees, governors and our central teams. The relationship is intended to provide both support and professional challenges. We expect our Headteachers to lead confidently in their own schools, to be open and accountable, and to contribute their expertise to the wider Trust so that schools learn from and strengthen one another.

We are therefore looking for a leader who is ambitious for children, grounded in strong values and able to make sound, evidence-informed decisions. You will need to build trust, develop people, manage resources carefully, and create a culture in which safeguarding, teaching, behavior, inclusion and staff professionalism are consistently strong.

I hope the information in this recruitment pack gives you a clear sense of the school, the role and the expectations that come with leading within Eden Learning Trust. I would encourage you to visit St Helen Auckland, speak with colleagues and consider whether your experience, values and aspirations match what the school now needs.

If they do, I look forward to receiving your application and to learning more about the contribution you could make to St Helen Auckland and the wider Trust.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Brennan

Chief Executive Officer

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