



Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy



Headteacher Recruitment Pack





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Letter from the Chair of Trustees

Dear Applicant,

Trustees and Governors thank you for your interest in the role of Headteacher at Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy.

Our Head of School has moved on and although we were disappointed to lose a popular and successful leader, we believe that this is an exciting opportunity for her successor. We offer a warm, caring and welcoming environment with committed staff, engaged parents and carers, encouraging Trustees and Governors and, most of all, receptive children who want to learn and succeed.

Trustees and Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic Headteacher, who will build on our current achievements and help provide the vision to drive our school forward in these exciting times. The successful applicant will lead our caring, highly motivated and professional staff on the next part of our journey. Our vision is that through our Christian values, we aim to nurture and challenge our children and all our school family to flourish and become the best they can be.

We want our new Headteacher to have highly developed emotional intelligence and the ability to build relationships with all stakeholders. They will need to be able to challenge positively and lead change effectively.

We are very proud of our school, its wonderful pupils and caring staff who have met the challenges of the past two years with compassion, hard work and courage. Our staff are an effective team who are professional, friendly and committed to providing our pupils with every opportunity to enjoy each day whilst achieving their full potential.

As a church school with a strong Christian ethos, we have close links with the parish church of St Peter and St Paul in Bourne and with the Diocese of Lincoln.

There is no doubt that this will be a challenging and fulfilling role which will offer many opportunities for the successful candidate to make a real difference in our school and Trust.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Haigh Chair of Trustees





Important Information

School visits:

We are delighted to be able to offer you the opportunity to visit Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy at either 4.00pm on Wednesday 12th January or 4.00pm on Thursday 13th January. The tours will be with members of the Senior Leadership Team. We have limited the availability and time of the visits due to COVID-19. Please wear a face mask if you are able and we will have COVID-19 precautions in place.

If you would like to visit on one of these dates, please contact Mrs Jill Bates, our Executive Administrator (<u>BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk</u>)

Closing date for applications:

12 noon on Wednesday 19th January 2022.

When writing your letter of application, please include your reasons for applying for the Headship of this school and the experience and skills that would equip you for this role. Your letter should be no more than two pages of A4 in length.

Interview date:

Thursday 27th January 2022.

If you are shortlisted, we will contact you after 4pm on Friday 21st January and your referees will then be sent a reference request. The interview will take place on a face-to-face basis in school, although this may change depending on the COVID-19 situation nearer the time.

Employer:

This appointment will be under Abbey Academies Trust as the overarching employer.

Safeguarding:

Abbey Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy contact details:

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Tel: 01778 422163

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What we like about our school

Reception

- ☺ 'I love learning!'
- "We have a lovely book corner with lots of books – I love to read!"
- © 'I like to draw.'

Year Two

- We have exciting topics like Oh, the places you'll go and London's Burning.'
- We love how many iPads we have so we can learn and film our amazing acting!'

Year Four

- (a) 'All the adults care about us.'
- "You get to share your experiences and have a voice."
- 'All the lessons we do are interesting.'

Year Six

- 'I know that if I make a mistake it's ok because I can learning from it.'
- (i) 'Our displays are amazing.'
- We learn about how our world is changing.'
- 'All our teachers work hard to make learning fun.'
- Our school prayer makes our school special. It brings us together as a community.'

Year One

- 'I love learning the teachers make it so exciting.'
- 'I enjoy reading and listening to stories.'
- 'I get to be with all of my friends and teachers.'

Year Three

- 'I like learning about e-safety because it helps me stay safe online.'
- 'I like history and being a historian. We get fun people to come into school to do workshops with us.'

Year Five

- 'We are a Rights Respecting School which means our rights are very important to us.'
- Our school is a safe and fun place to be.'
- Our teachers and support staff are amazing and go above and beyond for us.'
- The Church is important to us and I enjoy visiting it.
- © 'There are so many different clubs.'





School Prayer

Think, think of these things...

Being a friend, giving a smile and helping to make someone else's day worthwhile. Think, think of these things.

Amen.





About Abbey Academies Trust

- 'Striving for Excellence, Caring for All' within a loving and caring Christian
 environment, forms the basis of our mission statement and is at the heart of all that
 we work hard to achieve. We all work together using 'Lessons from the Geese.'
- Abbey Academies Trust MAT is centred around people pupils, staff, parents/carers, Governors, Trustees and local communities. We offer a tried and tested framework for rapid school improvement and sustained success, working within a shared ethos of care and respect, whilst celebrating diversity. We firmly believe that high achievement and continuing the process of raising achievement is not about short-term fixes it is about commitment, sharing and working together towards a vision of long-term gains, thus enabling pupils to achieve the highest possible standards and for them to want to be lifelong learners.
- As a Multi Academy Trust, we not only encourage our pupils to strive for excellence in the core subjects, but to broaden their education, to embrace and develop the concepts of faith and spirituality, of hope and charity and to enable them to make more informed decisions later in life as broad-minded and knowledgeable British and world citizens. We describe this as 'Rigour with Care'.
- Our aim is to help our pupils to become self-motivated, persevering children, with lively enquiring minds, who know not only a body of relevant knowledge, but also how to learn, all within a loving and caring Christian environment. Abbey Academies Trust recognises that children are created in the image of God, but also values their individuality as they explore their own God given talents and are treated with respect and dignity at all times. "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him." Luke 2:40
- We believe that each school is unique and has its own identity according to its context and the needs of its pupils. Whilst committing to a common ethos we will celebrate and learn from each other's diversity. The Trust promotes diversity linked to high standards and harmonisation of key policies and processes. We also provide effective management services to each of our Academies, enabling leaders to focus on their core task of leadership and school improvement as well as a more flexible staffing structure which can be developed across the Trust. High quality external CPD which is not affordable for individual schools is accessible for schools within AAT as we are able to share costs. Collaboration is at the heart of all we do and we work in partnership with other networks such as Teaching School Hubs and collaborative partnerships.







Person Specification

Headteacher Person Specification

Selection decisions will be based on the criteria of the following sections. At each stage of the process, an assessment will made by the appointment panel to determine the extent to which the criteria have been met. When completing your application paperwork, you should ensure that you address each of the selection criteria and provide supporting evidence of how you meet the criterion through reference to your work or relevant experience.

Essential	Desirable	How this will be
		assessed*
Qualifications & Experience		
Sustained and successful senior leadership experience within a primary school	National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)	A, I
Evidence of proactively pursuing continued professional development and being a lifelong learner	Experience of working in church schools and improving outcomes through partnership working	A, I
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)	Higher level degree (e.g. Masters) in Education or Leadership	A, DC
Experience of developing staff and systems from Early Years to the end of Key Stage 2	Knowledge and understanding of nursery/pre-school provision	A, I
Experience of leading teaching and learning		А, І
Safeguarding Children		
Up-to-date safeguarding training	Current safer recruitment training	Α, Ι
Enhanced DBS clearance		A, DC
Ability to demonstrate commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children	Experience in and knowledge of the concept of whole child well-being	CW, I,
Evidence of actively maintaining a safe, nurturing and well-ordered school		CW, I
Professional Knowledge & Understanding		
Ability to articulate a clear vision, building upon existing strengths and engaging all members of the school community		CW, A, I
Ability to translate current educational thinking into strategic planning and disseminate to key audiences		A, I
Have an excellent understanding of the primary curriculum across all Key Stages including the Foundation Stage		A, I
Ability to review and develop a curriculum which is rooted in the school's vision in order to meet the needs of all learners		A, I
A commitment to continue to embed and develop the Christian ethos and values		CW, A, I
A person who understands the distinctive and inclusive nature of our Church School and its role in the community		CW, A, I





Ability to further develop a wider		A, I
inclusive curriculum in order to nurture		Α, Ι
the "whole child"		
	Friday of ability to position to accept	Λ.Ι.
Clear understanding of the SEN Code of	Evidence of ability to navigate multi-	Α, Ι
Practice and proven experience of	agency provision and prioritise	
supporting children with additional needs	effectively to support children	
Pupils & Staff		
Evidence of creating an environment		CW, A, I
which enables the spiritual, personal,		
social and emotional development of		
each child in order 'to be the best we can		
be'		
Committed to aspirational educational		Α, Ι
standards for all pupils		
Ability to lead, motivate and develop		CW, A, I
staff, promoting an environment of		
professional development that recognises		
achievement		
Evidence of identifying and developing		1
emerging talent and leadership ability at		
all levels of the school		
Evidence of delegating tasks		Α
appropriately to build a culture of mutual		
trust and shared responsibility		
Values internal and external		Λ.Ι.
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collaboration, fosters strong working		
relationships and builds effective teams	F. idages of supporting a	Λ.Ι.
Together with the senior leadership team	Evidence of promoting a	Α, Ι
and governors, able to manage your	psychologically safe, reflective	
workload and that of others, to allow all	working environment for staff	
to flourish		
Systems & Processes	T	
A clear understanding of the impact of		A, I
budgets, resources and strategic financial		
planning		
Ability to effectively balance strategic and		A, I
operational demands of the role		
An ability to analyse and use a range of		Α, Ι
evidence effectively to inform school		
improvement		
Knowledge of and commitment to all		A, I
required regulatory and legislative		
aspects relevant to school life, including		
but not limited to, Health & Safety, GDPR,		
Safeguarding and HR		
The Self-Improving System		
Evidence of proactive engagement with		A, I
parents and carers		
Able to maintain and develop		Α, Ι
opportunities for partnerships with		'
parents, carers, other schools, local		
churches and other community groups		
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Experience of a SIAMs inspection at	Α, Ι
leadership level	
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 $^{^{}st}$ There will be opportunities within tasks during the interview day to further demonstrate many of these.





Job Description

General Duties

The Headteacher shall carry out the duties of a Headteacher as set out in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and any subsequent document which may replace it. The Headteacher will be directly responsible to the Executive Headteacher of Abbey Academies Trust.

The Headteacher has overall management responsibility for Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy:

- Internal organisation
- Management of the academy –in accordance with the current Teachers' Pay and Conditions
 Document, the policies of Abbey Academies Trust and Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy
 Local Governing Board, applicable legislation
- Carrying out professional duties particularly assigned by the Executive Headteacher

The Headteacher, working with the Board of Trustees and Local Governing Board will:

- Develop a strategic view for the academy in its community
- Analyse and plan for its future needs, development and improvement
- Ensure effective management in the context of academy and LA policies

Specific Responsibilities

Ethos

- To maintain an ethos in which individuals feel valued and where personal endeavour and responsibility are encouraged
- To ensure the Church school values and vision permeate every aspect of school life
- To maintain high morale and to set an example of professional standards and leadership
- To maintain an environment where all members of the school community actively demonstrate their care and concern for everyone, with regard to school policies (equality/anti-prejudice/anti-bullying)
- To have responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all learners

The Organisation and Management of the academy

- To assume responsibility for the overall internal organisation and management of the academy and to exercise supervision over teaching and support staff
- To manage the process for selection and appointment of appropriately qualified teaching and support staff, and to provide information about staff which may be relevant to their future employment
- To deploy and manage all teaching and support staff and allocate particular duties to them consistent with their conditions of employment and job descriptions. This includes delegation of some of the Headteacher's duties and responsibilities to others if appropriate
- To participate in teaching, to such an extent as may be appropriate, (including PPA time in line with current guidelines) whilst having regard to the Headteacher's leadership, other functions and duties
- To ensure that teaching absences are appropriately covered and managed





Pupils

- To have overall responsibility for the health and safety of all staff and pupils
- To have up to date knowledge of relevant legislation and guidance, in relation to working with, and the protection of, children and young people
- To display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people
- To ensure the social, emotional and pastoral needs of the pupils are recognised and met, especially in relation to Pupil Voice
- To ensure pupils are always engaged in safe and healthy educational activities in a school environment
- To promote an inclusive and diverse environment for all our learners
- To ensure maintenance of good order and discipline in line with the school's behaviour policy
- Hold and articulate Christian values and moral purpose, focused on providing a world class education for the pupils

Staff

- To ensure that all staff have requisite non-contact time in accordance with their role
- To ensure that appropriate levels of personal management (including wellbeing), mentoring, and professional development are available to all staff
- To evaluate the standards of teaching and learning in the school, and ensure that proper standards of professional performance are enhanced and developed
- To empower all staff members in the performance of their work by providing clear expectations and guidance, encouraging responsibility in their own management, and valuing each individual's contribution and responsibilities
- To ensure that teachers receive information needed to carry out their professional duties effectively (including advice from the diocese, LA and DfE)
- To fulfil the requirements for the appraisal of staff and to involve staff in decision making processes related to school development
- To monitor and review staff deployment and ensure the most effective use of human resources
- To ensure all entitled staff take breaks of reasonable length during each school day
- To carry out required personnel procedures including disciplinary procedures
- To maintain positive relationships with Staff Unions and Professional Associations
- Maintain and enhance the strong Christian ethos within which all staff are motivated and supported to develop their own skills and subject knowledge, and to support each other

Local Governing Board

- To encourage all Governors to participate in school life and activities
- To attend all Governing Board and committee meetings and represent Executive Headteacher
- To provide comprehensive and timely reports for Governing Board and committee meetings
- To work with Governors and the Executive Headteacher to produce the Academy Improvement Plan
- To ensure Governors are fully conversant with the workings of the school and to assist and support them in the fulfilment of their responsibilities
- To present Diocesan LA and DfE advice to Governors when formulating policy





School Improvement

- To formulate and develop strong and clear leadership in line with all current legislation
- To formulate the overall aims and objectives of the academy, and policies for their implementation, and to ensure that they are effectively communicated and understood by staff, parents/carers and others with a legitimate interest in the life and work of the academy
- To keep the work and organisation of the academy under review, maintain an improvement plan, and ensure its implementation in the context of the academy's budget, and academy, LA and national developments
- To initiate and maintain effective administration procedures and records to ensure the efficient operation of the academy
- To complete any statistical returns, follow given procedures and write any necessary reports which may be required by the LA and other relevant bodies, in compliance with current Data Protection legislation

The Curriculum

- To develop, implement and monitor curriculum policies within the academy and Abbey Academies Trust
- To ensure a broad and balanced curriculum, relevant to the abilities, aptitudes and needs of all pupils, set firmly within the framework of the National Curriculum, and with scope for differentiation to cover the full age and ability range within the school, and cross-linked between subject areas
- To have careful regard to the Early Years and Foundation Stage Curriculum, and how this feeds into the National Curriculum
- To ensure that there are appropriate schemes of work and planning methods to cater for both individual pupils' learning needs, and the creative delivery of the curriculum, and to monitor their implementation
- To ensure that adequate and appropriate records of pupil performance are maintained to promote continuity of learning and progress in school and on transfer
- To ensure that each pupil has a carefully considered Individual Learning Plan that reflects their learning needs and is regularly reviewed and reformulated
- To ensure that the National Curriculum, Religious Education, PHSE, RSE and Citizenship are delivered as a minimum requirement and that collective worship takes place in accordance with legal requirements
- To ensure the school takes account of local and national initiatives and policies relevant to teaching and learning
- To ensure the ongoing monitoring, regular evaluation and development of the curriculum by maintaining close links with classroom practice and teaching throughout the school when the opportunity arises and on a timetabled basis
- In consultation with staff, to develop appropriate criteria for the evaluation of the effectiveness of both teaching and learning, and to use the results to initiate improvement and development

Finance, premises and resources

- To support the Executive Headteacher to manage all the financial resources available to the
 academy taking into account the changing needs of the school population, the Academy
 Improvement Plan, and the need to maintain the high and well-regarded status of the
 academy
- To support the Executive Headteacher manage financial resources made available to the academy by private means





- To maintain appropriate records, accounts and monitoring information, ensuring all conditions are met in line with current legislation
- To propose to the Governing Board a balanced budget that meets the needs of the school and takes particular cognisance of the Academy Improvement Plan
- To monitor the monthly budget reports with the Executive Headteacher and Chief Financial Officer and to take action as appropriate
- To take opportunities to generate new income for the academy where appropriate, advising and making recommendations to the Governing Board and Board of Trustees for their approval
- To supervise the maintenance and security of equipment and accommodation
- To provide an appropriate safe and stimulating environment within which high quality educational opportunities will be made available to all pupils. This will include oversight, monitoring and evaluation of services provided by the LA and other agencies
- Ensure that the building and its contents are well maintained, cleaned and repaired as necessary
- To allocate, supply and maintain resources and equipment in line with school policies and improvement plan

Parents/carers

- To ensure that parent/carer participation is fully encouraged and that parents/carers have appropriate access to all aspects of planning for their child, information about school policies and developments, and are made to feel welcome in school
- To have due regard for parents'/carers' needs, requirements and entitlements and to provide counselling and guidance to learners and parents/carers as appropriate, and to liaise with other agencies on their behalf
- To ensure that statutory requirements for reporting to parents/carers through the Annual Report and the Annual Review of the EHCP are met, and that the school's own procedures for informing and reporting to parents are followed

Liaison

- To maintain the school's high profile within the community, developing the school as an integral part of the community and to include it in the life of the community wherever possible
- To develop and promote effective communication processes with all involved in the school, including being available to colleagues and Trustees/Governors, to discuss matters of concern to them
- To work collaboratively with other settings to share best practice
- To link and work collaboratively with the LA, statutory and voluntary agencies, local businesses, link schools and the wider community, ensuring multi-professional working in line with good practice for pupil learning and welfare
- To ensure compliance with LA, Diocese and DfE policy requirements in consultation with Governors and staff
- To consult with the LA, Diocese and DfE representatives as appropriate
- To assist in the education and training of those who may, in the future, work within the field
- To ensure efficient and effective collaboration with colleagues working within school, in order that their contribution to each pupil's progress is fully incorporated into planning and practice
- To work Trust-wide





Additional Notes

- The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained within the statement of Conditions of Employment
- This job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed
- This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once every two years and may be subject to modification at any time after consultation with the postholder
- The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service
- Equal opportunities: The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Equalities Act 2010







Privacy notice for job applicants

About us

Abbey Academies Trust of which Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy is a part is the "Controller" of the personal data provided to it. This means the Trust is responsible for deciding how it holds and uses personal data about you in connection with the recruitment process.

This notice will explain how and why we use the information we gather about you when you apply to work with us.

Why do we collect your personal data?

It is necessary for us to collect and use personal data about you in order to assess your eligibility to work with us. We will only use your personal data where the law allows us to and we will not collect any personal data that is not required. More specifically, but not limited to, we may process your personal data in order to:

- Assess your skills, qualifications and suitability for a role within the Trust;
- Carry out background and reference checks, where applicable;
- Communicate with you about the recruitment process;
- Maintain records relating to the recruitment process;
- Comply with legal or regulatory requirements e.g. safer recruitment.

As far as is reasonable and practicable, will ensure that the information recorded is accurate and kept up to date.

We only collect and use personal data where there is a lawful basis. For successful applicants that lawful basis is entering into and the performance of an employment contract. We also have a legal obligation to ensure that staff are suitable for their role, which includes the vetting process. For unsuccessful applicants, we shall retain your data under our official authority (public task).

What personal data do we collect?

We will collect the personal data about you in order to facilitate the recruitment process. The personal data we collect may include:

- Personal contact details such as name, address, telephone number and email address;
- Date of Birth;
- National Insurance Number;
- Employment history;
- Qualifications and other academic achievements;
- Contact information for the provision of references;
- Identification documents;
- Results of psychometric testing, where applicable.

We will also collect and use the following "special categories" of more sensitive personal data:

- Information about your race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions
- Trade union membership
- Information about your physical and mental health, including any medical conditions.





• Information about criminal convictions and offences, including information from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Who do we get your personal data from?

We typically collect personal data in the following ways:

- Provided to us directly by you, such as through an application form and/or at interview;
- Provided by your named referees;
- Provided by third parties.

In accordance with the Trust's safer recruitment obligations, the school will collect personal information about you from third parties. This will include obtaining references from your previous employer and from third parties such as the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to ensure the relevant safeguarding checks are completed.

Who do we share your personal data with?

We will only share information when it is necessary to do so and in accordance with the law. Internally, access to personal data is strictly limited. Where applicable we may share your data with organisations that deliver services on behalf of the Trust.

Where necessary, we may share your personal data with the following categories of recipients:

- Internally within the school;
- Disclosure and Barring Service;
- Previous employers or individuals identified as capable of giving a reference;
- Professional advisors and consultants involved in the recruitment exercise;
- Local authority;
- Department for Education (DfE);
- The Academy Trust.

How long do we keep your data for?

We are required to retain your personal data only for as long as is necessary in connection with the recruitment process, after which it will be securely destroyed in line with the school's retention policy or the specific requirements of the organisation that has shared the data with us.

Details of unsuccessful applicants will be held for 6 months from last action. Details of successful applicants will be placed on their personnel file, at which time further privacy information will be made available setting out how an employee can expect the Trust to process their personal data.

Retentions periods are defined within the Trust's retention guidelines which are available on request.

How do we keep your data safe?

Your data is held securely and in accordance with the Trust's information security policy. The Trust ensures that appropriate technical and organisational measures are in place to keep your information safe and to reduce the risk of loss and theft.

Access to personal data is strictly controlled internally within the school.

Data protection training is undertaken by all staff and there are a number of policies in place that all staff are required to abide by when processing personal data.





Where personal data is processed outside of the UK, it is protected by adequate measures such as an adequacy decision or appropriate safeguards.

Your rights

You have a number of rights in relation to your personal data.

You are entitled to access any personal data we hold about you and you can also request a copy. To make a request for your personal data, please contact the Trust's Data Protection Officer (details provided below).

You can also request that we correct any personal data we hold about you that you believe is inaccurate; request that we erase your personal data; request that we stop processing all or some of your data and request that automated decisions are made by a person.

If we have asked for your consent to process your data, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time.

We are obliged to consider and respond to any such request within one month. Whilst we shall make every effort to respond within a timely manner, please allow for exceptions to this time period during school holidays.

Further Information

If you wish to submit a request, make a complaint or discuss the way in which your personal data is processed, please contact:

Abbey Academies Trust
Abbey Road
Bourne
Lincs PE10 9EP
Duncan Pickering, Data Protection Officer on
AAT.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk

Jill Bates, Executive Administrator on 01778 422163 or jill.bates@abbeyacademies.co.uk

You can access further information about your rights and the Trust's data protection obligations from the Information Commissioner's Office. The Information Commissioner's Office is the independent regulator responsible for data protection and is able to consider any complaint you may have about the way your data has been processed. For more information about the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk