



HEADTEACHER: PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL, BEDFORD

Salary: Headteacher Group 2. Range Minimum £61,534 to Maximum £83,860 *

Job type: Full time, Permanent

Start Date: 1st September 2026

The young people, staff and Governors of Priory Primary School are seeking to appoint an inspirational, strategic and highly capable Headteacher to lead the school into its next phase of development from Autumn 2026.

Priory Primary is a one-form entry primary and nursery school located in the centre of Bedford town. We are proud of our inclusive ethos, strong sense of belonging and commitment to equity for all. Our dedicated and skilled staff team delivers a rich, engaging and ambitious curriculum that nurtures curiosity, creativity and resilience. Every child is known, valued and supported to achieve their full potential within a safe, nurturing and aspirational environment.

We are seeking an inspirational leader with a strong track to join our empathetic, values-based school. The successful candidate will be a visible, calm and approachable Headteacher, who can build on our strong foundations while leading the school forward ambition and purpose. You will sustain and further develop our culture of high expectations, inclusivity and care, driving excellence in teaching, learning and outcomes across the school.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a proven track record of effective school leadership, whether as a serving Headteacher or senior leader within the primary phase
- Is an experienced and credible leader with the vision, resilience and strategic thinking required to inspire staff and pupils alike
- Demonstrates a strong understanding of inclusive education and a deep commitment to meeting the needs of every child
- Has a clear record of raising standards and securing strong outcomes within a diverse community
- Can support, challenge and motivate staff, governors, pupils and families to achieve excellence
- Is an excellent communicator who leads with integrity, empathy and transparency
- Is reflective, forward-thinking and committed to their own professional development and that of the teams they lead

In return, we offer:

- The opportunity to work with wonderful young people and a committed, skilled staff team, and to play a pivotal role in shaping the school's future
- Participation in key networks including the LEaP Trust which help to maintain the school's local profile.
- A school at the heart of its community, working collaboratively with other schools and the Local Authority to secure the best outcomes for pupils
- An established senior and middle leadership team
- An engaged, supportive and appropriately challenging Governing Body
- A strong commitment to professional learning and development
- The opportunity to lead a school with a clear sense of purpose at the heart of its community

We actively encourage anyone interested in this position to visit the school prior to applying. Informal tours are available on **12th, 13th, 23rd & 24th February 2026**.

Please book your place by contacting the Priory School Business Manager Sardis Barkat on **sbarkat@prioryprimary.co.uk**

Key Dates:

- **Deadline for applications:** 6th March 2026 (Midday)
- **Shortlisting:** 9th March 2026
- **Interviews:** Friday 20th and Monday 23rd March 2026
- **Start Date:** 1st September 2026

Priory Primary School has a strong commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects our new Headteacher to share and champion that commitment. The successful applicant will be required to apply for an Enhanced DBS check, Children's Barred List check, References and other checks.

The school reserves the right to research shortlisted candidates on social media platforms and the internet, and the recruitment panel may take this information into consideration during the recruitment process.

To apply for this post, you need to complete an application form which includes your supporting statement. Your statement should outline how you meet the requirements set in stated essential and/or desirable criteria. CVs alone will not be considered. Late applications will not be considered.

**The 7-point pay scale within the Group 2 is pending experience*