

Person Specification

Class Teacher

Cidari Multi Academy Trust
 Darwen St James Church of England Primary Academy
 Salary: Main Scale
 Reporting to: Headteacher
 Deployed by: Headteacher

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Selection decisions will be based on the criteria below. At each stage of the process an assessment will be made by the appointment panel to determine the extent to which the criteria have been met and the ability to fulfil the job description for the post. Candidates failing to meet any of the essential criteria will automatically be excluded at any stage of the process.

The appointing panel will use a combination of assessment tools to determine each candidate's suitability and the extent to which the criteria have been met. These assessment tools include (but are not limited to) the application form, supporting statement, information gathered during the interview process and references.

The applicant will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people

[A] Faith Commitment

		Essential/ Desirable
A1	Regular involvement in a church in membership of Churches Together in England, The Evangelical Alliance or North West Gospel Partnership. <i>(This requires evidence of current church involvement and a clear indication of the applicant's beliefs in relation to a Church school)</i>	D

To be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the following in the context of a Church school.

		Essential/ Desirable
A2	Strategic thinking and planning that builds, communicates and carries forward a coherent and shared Christian vision for the school	E
A3	Leading school worship	E
A4	A commitment to strategic thinking and planning that builds, communicates and	E





	carries forward a coherent and shared vision for the Christian ethos of the Academy	
A5	How relationships should be fostered and developed between the Academy, local Church and its community, Diocese of Blackburn, and wider Trust	E

[B] Qualifications

	Qualification requirements	Essential/ Desirable
B1	Qualified teacher status	E
B2	Degree	E
B3	Evidence of ongoing professional development	D

[C] Teaching Experience

		Essential/ Desirable
C1	Successful recent teaching experience in primary phase (EYFS, KS1, or KS2) EY experience for initial class placement	E E
C2	Experience of planning and delivering an engaging, inclusive curriculum - Experience of planning and delivering the EYFS curriculum through purposeful play and adult-led activities.	E
C3	Experience of using assessment and data to improve pupil outcomes, including experience using EYFS assessment data and observations to improve pupil outcomes.	E
C4	Experience supporting pupils with SEND or additional needs	E
C5	Experience working effectively with parents, carers, and colleagues	E
C6	Experience in using strategies to narrow gaps in learning between pupil groups including experience in using early intervention strategies.	D

[D] Professional Knowledge and Understanding

		Essential/ Desirable
D1	Knowledge of the National Curriculum and key attainment expectations Comprehensive knowledge of the EYFS Statutory Framework and Development Matters.	E E
D2	Understanding of effective assessment, marking, and target setting	E
D3	Knowledge of how to ensure equal opportunities, inclusion, and pupil welfare	E
D4	Understanding of positive behaviour management strategies	E
D5	Awareness of current educational developments and statutory frameworks	E
D6	Understanding of how children learn and how to remove barriers to learning including the importance of the Characteristics of Effective Learning.	E



[E] Skills and Abilities

		Essential/ Desirable
E1	Ability to plan exciting, purposeful lessons that meet the needs of diverse learners	E
E2	Ability to provide a stimulating and supportive learning environment	E
E3	Ability to use assessment for learning effectively to inform teaching	E
E4	Ability to engage, motivate, and inspire pupils	E
E5	Strong communication skills (written and verbal)	E
E6.	Ability to work effectively as part of a team and build positive relationships	E
E7.	Confident use of ICT to support teaching, learning, and administration	E
E8.	Ability to reflect, innovate, and be open to trying new approaches	

[F] Personal Qualities

		Essential/ Desirable
F1	Passionate about securing the best outcomes for all children	E
F2	Approachable, warm, and enthusiastic	E
F3	High expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour	E
F4	Flexible, resilient, and positive in the face of challenges	E
F5	Able to build strong relationships with children, parents, and colleagues	E
F6	Commitment to professional growth and ongoing improvement	E

[G] Safeguarding

		Essential/ Desirable
G1	Displays commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people	E
G2	The ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with young people	E
G3	Has up to date knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with and protection of children and young people	E
G4	Will co-operate and work with relevant agencies to protect young people	E

[H] Professional Skills

Each candidate will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role based on the Job Description and STPCD. Candidates will be expected to show evidence of having applied this



knowledge and understanding in their current setting as well as an awareness of how this will be applied to this role with consideration to the context of the school as a member of Cidari.

[I] Confidential References and Reports

I1	Positive reference from current employer or training provider confirming suitability to work with children	E
I2	Positive recommendation from referees	E

[J] Application Form and Supporting Statement

Applications must be submitted via the Cidari online platform. The supporting statement (maximum three pages, minimum font size 11) should address the job description and person specification, and explain how the applicant's skills, experience, and qualities will contribute to the school and Trust. It should also mention in detail specific experience in EY/Reception.