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## Clayton St John C of E Primary School Recruitment Pack



**Early Years Teacher, Reception Class Teacher Required**  
**2-Year Fixed Term contract**  
**Full time, to commence September 2026**  
**Scale: Teachers Pay Scales**

**Closing date:** 9:00am, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
**Interview & Tasks:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
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**Dear Prospective Applicant,**

Thank you for taking an interest in this role. This is an exciting opportunity for an outstanding candidate who is highly motivated with successful school experience.

The ideal candidate will have the skills, experience and knowledge to provide support to the school with aspirations to develop further. We are looking for someone with enthusiasm for all aspects of school life. In return we offer you the opportunity to contribute to the future of Clayton St John CofE Primary.

Clayton St John CofE Primary is a 2-form entry Church of England Primary School and part of the Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT), a growing, Christian, Multi-Academy Trust based in Bradford.

Clayton St John is a pupil-centred place of learning, fully committed to providing all the children in its care with the highest quality of education. Our goal at Clayton St John CofE Primary is to become an outstanding school that delivers educational excellence. You will be fortunate to work with a leadership team that demands the highest standards of teaching and learning and deliver this with commitment and enthusiasm. We are seeking to appoint an someone who has the drive and commitment to contribute to the success of our children.

Clayton St John is part of a Trust, a family of 21 schools. The 16 Primary schools have close working relationships supporting each other every day, you will become an integral part of the family. You will both support and be supported by the schools and the Trust central team both educationally and operationally, benefiting from the expertise within the Trust to challenge, support and give additionality.

This is an exciting opportunity for a talented and forward-thinking professional to make a sustained and substantial contribution to the growth and development of the school and the wider BDAT family.

We hope the enclosed information is helpful and encourages you to apply; we look forward to meeting you and reading your application. We welcome candidate visits to school on the dates provided.

*Gemma Emsley*

**Gemma Emsley**  
**Headteacher, Clayton St John CofE Primary School**



## Clayton St John C of E Primary School

### Vision and Values

Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

#### Vision

***'Growing together in God's Love'***

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."***

***1 Chronicles 16:34***

#### Our Values

**"Growing Together in God's Love"**  
To grow together we will follow Clayton St John's  
Be Ready Values:

- Be Kind and Friendly
- Be Safe and Wise
- Be Truthful and Forgiving
- Have Courage and Respect

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## About BDAT

Clayton St John CofE Primary School is an academy within Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust. The successful candidate will be employed by BDAT although their main place of work will be at Clayton St John CofE Primary school. BDAT strives to be diverse and inclusive employer a place where we can ALL be ourselves. We encourage and welcome applications from everyone.

### General Information and Background

Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT) is a Multi- Academy Trust (MAT) supporting a number of primary and secondary academies in Bradford. BDAT is the only Church of England MAT operating in Bradford and is part of the Diocese of Leeds. BDAT is a charity, governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for, and oversee, the management of the company. The Memorandum and Articles are available on the Trust's website at [www.bdat-academies.org](http://www.bdat-academies.org).

### Our Mission Statement

"The Trust's mission is to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice." We believe every child only has one chance at a good education.

In practice, as a Trust, we seek to work with and alongside the academies in our Trust to provide a good quality of education to all children in our academies. The Trust does this through operating a light touch support role for academies at times of challenge and by establishing collaborative structures and processes to enable them to work together and share good practices. As our family of academies continues to grow, we are constantly looking at how we can continue to improve to establish effective and efficient ways of partnership working. We believe this means we are big enough to achieve business economies of scale whilst being small enough to retain our family of schools approach where we are truly able to know, understand and support each other.

### Our Christian ethos

BDAT is a proudly Christian organisation committed to providing high-quality education for all within an ethos which encourages academic, vocational, mental, physical, and spiritual opportunities and development for each member of its academies. Whilst robust Christian principles underpin the work of the academy, everyone is encouraged to explore their own spirituality and to recognise and understand that of others. It is for this reason that we choose to support and sponsor Non-Church of England academies, as well as those within the faith.

### ICARE

At BDAT we have considered the importance, effectiveness and sustainability of how we tackle issues like racism and other types of discrimination across all areas of our MAT and within each of our schools. We have led a Trust wide consultation to ensure we understand what we mean by inclusion and to look at what we can do differently centred around the Trust values: "ICARE". To download our ICARE consultation documents please [click here](#)

### BDAT People: Our Faculty of Professional and Career Development

The BDAT Faculty of Professional and Career Development brings together into a single entity all that we currently do to recruit, develop and retain our staff. The Faculty provides the strategic direction to ensure that our professional and career development supports school improvement and drives our vision of BDAT as an employer of choice. By bringing all our work in this area under 'one umbrella' it ensures our staff know about BDAT's development offers and how they can be accessed. <https://bdat-people.org/>



**Job Title: Reception Full Time Class Teacher (2-Year Fixed Term contract)**  
**Scale: Teacher Pay Scale**  
**Hours: Full-Time Equivalent**

**Job Purpose:**

The Class Teacher will:

- Teach a class of pupils, and ensure that planning, preparation, recording, assessment and reporting meet their varying learning and social needs;
- Maintain the positive ethos and core values of the school, both inside and outside the classroom;
- Contribute to constructive team-building amongst teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and governors;
- Ensure that the current national conditions of employment for schoolteachers are met.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

The Class Teacher will:

- Implement agreed school policies and guidelines;
- Support initiatives decided by the Headteacher and staff;
- Plan appropriately to meet the needs of all pupils, through differentiation of tasks;
- Be able to set clear targets, based on prior attainment, for pupils' learning;
- Provide a stimulating classroom environment, where resources can be accessed appropriately by all pupils;
- Keep appropriate and efficient records, integrating formative and summative assessment into weekly and termly planning;
- Report to parents on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;
- Maintain good order and discipline amongst pupils, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy;
- Participate in meetings which relate to the school's management, curriculum, administration or organisation;
- Communicate and co-operate with specialists from outside agencies;
- Lead, organise and direct support staff within the classroom;
- Participate in the performance management system for the appraisal of their own performance, or that of other teachers.

**General Requirements:**

- Have experience of working in a Primary School.
- Be an excellent teacher with a proven track-record of securing good and better outcomes for pupils and the ability to model high standards in their own teaching.
- Have a positive impact on standards of teaching and learning and for those with more experience, across the school through modelling, coaching and quality CPD.



- Have knowledge and understanding of assessment and how to use it and communicate effectively to raise standards.
- Be committed to maintaining and developing the Christian character of the school.
- Be committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children.

## Personnel Specification

PLEASE NOTE: When completing your application please demonstrate evidence of impact for each of the attributes below as appropriate.

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Qualified Teacher Status	✓	
Experience & Skills	Essential	Desirable
Experience of teaching in Early Years	✓	
Ability to make use of appropriate data to analyse the performance of pupils and set targets	✓	
Good organisational and interpersonal skills	✓	
Good behavioral management skills	✓	
Ability to plan a varied, experience led curriculum linking to class needs and interest	✓	
Understanding of current safeguarding legislation and a commitment to implementing these in school	✓	
Able to offer expertise in one or more curriculum/extra-curricular area		✓
Good to outstanding class teacher	✓	
Training	Essential	Desirable
Evidence of continuing professional development	✓	
Evidence of Safeguarding & Prevent training	✓	
Commitment to continuing professional development	✓	
Commitment to develop knowledge in other curriculum areas and key stages	✓	
Paediatric First Aid		✓
Special Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge of the Early Years foundation stage statutory framework	✓	



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Knowledge and experience of applying ICT across the curriculum	✓	
Clear understanding of how children learn and awareness of effective teaching strategies	✓	
Experience in supporting colleagues to develop practice through coaching	✓	
Knowledge of whole primary curriculum		✓
<b>Personal Circumstances</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Flexible in terms of working evenings on occasion in line with school calendar	✓	
Eligible to work in the U.K.	✓	
No contra-indications in personal background/criminal record indicating unsuitability to work with children/young people	✓	
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<b>Disposition/Attitude</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Ability to work closely as part of a team	✓	
Commitment to our vision and values	✓	
Ability to communicate effectively at all levels	✓	
Flexible and positive approach to change	✓	
Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality and discretion at all times	✓	
<b>Practical / Intellectual Skills</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Proactive	✓	
Creative thinking	✓	
<b>Physical / Sensory</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Must be able to perform all duties and responsibilities in work location with reasonable adjustments where appropriate	✓	
<b>Equality &amp; Safeguarding</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Candidates should indicate an acceptance of, and a commitment to, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the principles of the school's equal opportunities policies and practices as they relate to employment issues and to the delivery of services to the community".</li> </ul>	✓	
Be committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	✓	

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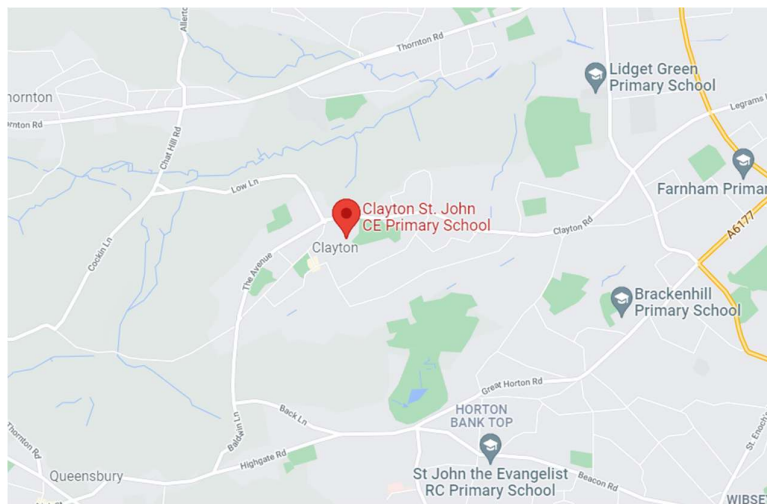
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## How to Find Us

### MAP



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W: [www.claytonce.co.uk](http://www.claytonce.co.uk)

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## Selection Process Guidance

### Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to an enhanced criminal records check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and an online check. We will assess the candidate's suitability for working with children as part of the selection process. We will check the accuracy of all information and investigate any perceived anomalies. We take up references prior to interview and use these to verify the information you have given us. Firm offers of employment are never made without satisfactory references.

### Inclusion

As a Trust we are an inclusive employer. We welcome applications from candidates of all backgrounds, faith, ethnicities or with any protected characteristics. We are simply looking for the very best candidate for the job and will assess your application only on the information in your written application or your performance at interview should you be successfully shortlisted.

We will ensure that the selection process is fair and without discrimination for or against any candidate based on age, ethnicity, gender, religious beliefs, marital status, sex or sexual orientation or disability. The person specification sets out the criteria used to assess candidates through the selection process.

### Visits to the school

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by prior arrangement, you will not be disadvantaged if you are unable to visit. Please contact Maryam Ahmed (Office Manager), via email: [office@claytonce.bdat-academies.org](mailto:office@claytonce.bdat-academies.org) to arrange a mutual appointment. The visit will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the role and the school to assess if this is somewhere you would like to work.

### Applications

Please ensure that all parts of the application are completed via MyNewTerm. We do not accept CVs as part of the selection process. Please ensure that you demonstrate how your experience and skills make you suitable for the position.

### Shortlisting

We assess all applications against the person specification criteria using the evidence you provide in your application. This is done by a panel of senior staff and governors. We carefully check all applications for anomalies.

Candidates who best meet the person specification will be invited to an interview. We will notify you via MyNewTerm with e-mail confirmation. If you are unsuccessful, you will also be informed.

### References

We request references for all candidates who are invited to interview. Requests will be made at the same time that candidates are invited to interview. Your first referee should be your current or last, employer. We cannot accept references from family members.



### **Interview Process**

The interviews will be held at the school and will consist of tasks and a formal interview. These are designed to allow you to demonstrate your skills and abilities. You will be asked to bring proof of qualifications and identity with you.

### **Final Selection**

Following the tasks and formal interview, we will use the person specification as a guide to select the most suitable candidate for our school. We will then telephone each candidate to inform them of the outcome. We will give brief feedback during this telephone conversation.

### **Offer of Employment**

We will make a verbal offer of employment by telephone on the day of the interview and this will be confirmed in writing. Any offer is made subject to:

- References satisfactory to us
- A satisfactory DBS check
- Provision of proof of identity and qualifications

### **Induction and Probation**

All new staff will be part of an induction programme including Safeguarding Child Protection Training as soon as possible after their start date and at least once every academic year thereafter.

All new staff will be subject to a probation period which will be outlined in the employment contract.

### **Record Keeping and data protection**

Records will be kept of:

- Job description and person specification;
- Shortlisting criteria;
- Any interviews conducted, including interview notes and any scoring undertaken;
- Reasons for selecting and rejecting candidates.

The BDAT retention policy states that applications and interview notes for unsuccessful candidates are retained for a period of six months

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