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Skerne Park
Academy

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Dear Applicant

TEACHING VACANCIES

Headteacher: Miss K E Chisholm

Thank you so much for showing interest in the above posts at our wonderful school. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my vision for Skerne Park Academy and the expectations that the school has for all of our valuable stakeholders.

Skerne Park Academy is a vibrant and aspirational school whose purpose is to ensure every child achieves their maximum potential. We are situated in quite a challenging area where the children do not always have the easiest of starts to their lives. Despite this our school is a family who is determined that every child succeeds and we never use 'where the children come from' as an excuse for accomplishing anything but the very highest in achievement, excellence and enjoyment.

I have been the Headteacher since July 2012 and I must say the school has begun its school improvement journey in earnest. We converted to an Academy in February 2013 and are very fortunate to be sponsored by Hummersknott Academy Trust. This is a natural extension of the close working relationship already in place between the schools. The majority of Skerne Park students go on to Hummersknott after Year 6.

On the 1st and 2nd of October 2014 we had the excitement of being inspected by Ofsted. It was an excellent process and I am delighted to report that we were graded as being **good** in all areas. The report is available on our website and I recommend that you have a good read of it. I think it will give you an excellent idea of the type of school we are.

The school we are creating is one which is based on a 'stage-not age' curriculum where every child is given the opportunity to succeed. We ensure that all children's basic skills are as solid as they possibly can be and these skills are enriched by ensuring they are embedded in our wide and varied curriculum.

The teaching staff the governors and I are seeking to appoint will have a passion for education and learning, someone who has the highest of aspirations for every child and someone who has energy in abundance!

I hope you will find the information included with this letter of help in preparing your application. ***Please include with your application form a maximum of 2 sides of A4 detailing how your experience, skills and knowledge enables you to meet the requirements of the post, what has driven you to become a primary practitioner and, most importantly, why specifically you would like to work at Skerne Park Academy.***

I strongly encourage visits to our lovely school. The children are simply amazing and I would love for you to meet them and to get an idea of how our school operates before you apply.

Please call me on 01325 380831 to book a time to come for a look around and a coffee. I am looking forward to receiving your call!

Thank you once again for your interest in this post. I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours faithfully

KATE CHISHOLM
Headteacher