

# Temporary Receptionist / Administrator Whitby School

**Recruitment Information Pack** 



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#### **Whitby School**

Whitby School is a new school; an exciting development for the Whitby community. Our school will be a positive, warm, and welcoming school where pupils will aim to do their very best and take pride in their achievements. By constantly challenging our pupils to excel, we will nurture aspirations and strive to cultivate a lifelong love of learning in our young people.

We are looking for colleagues who will provide a creative, safe, and caring environment where every child is known and cared for as an individual. In this climate, every young person can thrive as they develop in personality, character and intellect and become a highly successful learner and individual.

We believe we can provide a unique education for our young people. As a school at the heart of the community it serves, we will work in partnership as a school community to ensure our children not only receive a broad and balanced education but also allow them to enjoy the area they live in and make a positive wider contribution to the area.

At Whitby School, every pupil will be known, valued, and cared for as an individual. We will celebrate our pupils' talents, achievements, and successes, and understand and support pupils where they need help. We believe that every pupil has the ability, strength, talent, and determination to achieve their potential. As a school, we will therefore aim to provide our pupils with the very best education possible, by providing a wide and comprehensive curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Whitby School will open in September 2024 following the merger of Eskdale School, Caedmon College and Whitby Sixth Form. The school will be split across two main sites: Lower School (Y7 & Y8) will be based on our Airy Hill site and Upper School (Y9-Y13) will be based on our Prospect Hill site.

If you are looking for your next career move, then join us as we look forward to beginning an exciting new chapter for secondary education in Whitby.



## Application Process

The closing date for all applications is 9am, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Interviews will be held on Friday 27th

#### **Apply via the NYC Jobs Page**

Please contact us if you need an application form in a different format.

Unfortunately we do not accept CVs.

An email will be sent to shortlisted candidates with details of the interview process.

## When applying please take into account the following:

#### **Supporting Information**

The supporting information section of your application should clearly evidence your ability to meet the requirements we have outlined in the person specification (see application pack). This will be used to shortlist applicants for this role and therefore it is imperative that you provide evidence as requested.

#### References

When completing your application, please provide two employment referees. Generally, this is your current and most recent employer.

#### Queries

please contact Chloe Bullen at Chloe.Bullen@northyorks.gov.uk or on 01609 536 964

Please note this post is in regulated activity and exempt from the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore subject to an enhanced DBS certificate and barred list check. An online search may be conducted for successfully shortlisted applicants.



## **Job Description**

Post title:	School Administrator
Grade:	CD
Responsible to:	School Admin Officer / Headteacher / Business Manager
Staff managed:	None
Directorate:	Children and Young People's Service
School name:	
Job family:	C&A - Customer & Administration
Date of issue:	August 2023

## **Safeguarding Statement**

- Works within the busy environment of the school office managing the administration for the school, providing an administrative, reprographics, budget monitoring and reception service, where excellent organisational skills are essential in order to deal with the variety of tasks that need to be undertaken
- Enhanced DBS clearance required

## Job Purpose:

To provide an administrative support service to the Headteacher and the school under the direction or instruction of the Headteacher or other senior staff. This may include some basic finance duties and the role may involve the post holder demonstrating their own duties and providing advice and guidance to new employees and others.

## **Operational Issues:**

- Provision of administrative, clerical and secretarial duties as required.
- Assist in preparation of reports as required
- Obtain quotes from contractors and ensure that adequate and appropriate insurance cover is held by contractors.
- Take minutes at various meetings as required.
- Diary management
- Assist teaching and non-teaching staff with administration queries.
- Undertake wages and salary administration and distribution which may involve liaison with the Local Authority offices.
- Make arrangements for school lettings.



	Report concerns and obtain support for any issues raised.
Communication:	<ul> <li>Communicate effectively with other staff, Governors, visitors, contractors, pupils and their families/carers.</li> <li>Undertake reception duties; act as first point of contact in response to telephone and face to face enquiries.</li> <li>Attend staff meetings and training days by agreement with the Headteacher.</li> </ul>
Resource Management:	<ul> <li>Participate in the school's performance management scheme.</li> <li>Assist senior staff with budget preparation and revision as necessary.</li> <li>Assist in monitoring the school budget on a regular basis. In addition to maintaining computerised records this involves liaison with the Headteacher</li> <li>Undertake some administration of school accounts, including handling of small amounts of cash, collecting monies and payments of bills and invoices.</li> <li>Assist in the induction of new employees</li> <li>Monitor stock levels, order office materials, equipment and services and check incoming orders</li> <li>Highlight additional training and supervision needs to build on your skills and knowledge.</li> <li>Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.</li> </ul>
Safeguarding:	<ul> <li>Know about data protection issues in the context of your role.</li> <li>Maintain confidentiality as appropriate</li> <li>Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people that you are responsible for and come into contact with, by knowing who to report concerns to.</li> <li>Have an awareness and basic knowledge where appropriate of the most recent safeguarding legislation.</li> </ul>
Systems and Information:	<ul> <li>Maintain computerised and manual pupil/staff records.</li> <li>Be aware that different types of information exist (for example, confidential information, personal data and sensitive personal data), and appreciate the implications of those differences.</li> <li>Share information appropriately – in writing, by telephone, electronically and in person.</li> </ul>



Person Specification:			
Essential Essential	Desirable		
<ul> <li>Knowledge and Experience</li> <li>Knowledge of administration and office systems</li> <li>Clerical or administrative experience</li> </ul>	Cash handling experience		
Experience of working with Microsoft Office			
<ul> <li>Occupational Skills</li> <li>Computer literate</li> <li>Good interpersonal and communication skills</li> <li>Good numeracy and literacy skills</li> <li>Judgemental skills</li> <li>Ability to work to deadlines</li> </ul>			
Behaviours			
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<ul> <li>Qualifications</li> <li>Literacy &amp; numeracy qualification e.g. Level 2 qualification or equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CLAIT Plus, ECDL or Level 2 Word Processing</li> <li>Appropriate first aid training (dependant on the school's needs – insert as appropriate)</li> </ul>		
Personal Qualities			
Attention to detail, neatness and accuracy     Organizational skills			
<ul><li>Organisational skills</li><li>Ability to work successfully in a team</li><li>Confidentiality</li></ul>			
Other Requirements			
<ul> <li>To be committed to the school's policy and ethos.</li> <li>To be committed to Continual Professional Development.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Motivation to work with children and young people.</li> </ul>			
Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.			
Enhanced DBS clearance required  Faual Opportunities			
<ul><li>Equal Opportunities</li><li>To assist in ensuring that NYC's equalities policies are</li></ul>			
considered within the school's working practices in terms of both employment and service delivery.			



## APPLYING FOR A JOB WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

#### IMPORTANT ADVICE ON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Your application form plays an important part in your selection. Please ensure you address all the essential requirements listed in the specifications. The following advice should help you to complete the application form as effectively as possible.

#### **Data Protection**

The information that you state on this application form will be used by the school and the Council to consider you for a job vacancy. To find out about how we use your personal data for the purposes of recruitment please see our Privacy Notice at www.northyorks.gov.uk/working-us.

#### **Rehabilitation of Offenders**

The post you are applying for requires you to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children, with a barred list check if you work in regulated activity. This check for disclosure of criminal history will include spent convictions, pending prosecutions / current court proceeding and police enquiries.

Should you be shortlisted, you will be asked to disclose full details of your criminal history prior to your interview. This includes any information deemed relevant as part of Keeping Children Safe in Education which may arise in an online search undertaken on shortlisted candidates. This information may be discussed with you at your interview in order to assess job related risks, but we emphasise that your application will be considered on merit and ability and you will not be discriminated against unfairly. Failure to disclose this information will result in any offer of employment being withdrawn.

Please also see the policy statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders below.

#### **Information in Support of your Application**

Every post advertised is supported by a full person specification. The specification lists all the essential skills, experience and qualifications which are necessary for the job and the criteria against which you will be assessed, both through your application form and at interview.

As part of the application process, you may have been asked to demonstrate within this application form how you meet some or all of the criteria or key competencies outlined in the person specification. Rather than simply repeating your career history, look at the skills and experience required by the job and provide evidence that you possess them by giving **specific and detailed examples** which include a focus on outcomes and on your own contribution to the scenario. Try to use different and varied examples wherever possible.

When completing these sections, do not forget the skills and experience you have gained outside full-time work. Outlining your previous work experience or other responsibilities may help you to uncover skills which you have taken for granted and which are clear signs of your ability to do the iob.

#### Canvassing

You must not try to influence an elected Council Member, any council employee or a member of the school governing body, to act in your favour, as this will disqualify you. If you are related to a Councillor, a Council employee or a governor you must indicate this in the relevant section of the application form.



## Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders (Source <a href="https://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>)

- 1. As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order using criminal record checks processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), this school complies fully with the DBS code of practice and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly.
- 2. This school undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
- 3. This school can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that it is legally entitled to know about. Where a DBS certificate can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) order 1975 as amended, and where appropriate Policy Act Regulations as amended) this school can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected.
- 4. This school is committed to the fair treatment of its staff and potential staff, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, responsibilities for dependents, age, physical/mental disability or offending background.
- 5. This school has this written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is made available to all DBS applicants at the start of the recruitment process.
- 6. This school actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records. Candidates are selected for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience and criminal record information is only requested from short-listed candidates.
- 7. A disclosure is only requested from the DBS after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a criminal record check is identified as necessary, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that a DBS certificate will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position.
- 8. This school ensures that all those who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences.
- 9. This school also ensures that they have received appropriate guidance and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders, e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- At interview, or in a separate discussion, this school ensures that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment.
- 11. This school makes every subject of a criminal record check submitted to DBS aware of the existence of the code of practice and makes a copy available on request.
- 12. This school undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

