



General Teaching Assistant
Oakridge Community Primary School
Recruitment Information Pack



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Oakridge Community Primary School

Oakridge Community Primary School is situated in a beautiful part of the country: the village of Hinderwell, located between the North Yorkshire Moors and the North Sea coast. We are a primary School, including a nursery, which caters for children between the ages of 3 and 11. The children are organised into two classes: Dolphin Class for KS2 pupils and Seahorse Class for EYFS and KS1 pupils. Each class has a teacher and a teaching assistant.

We have an established curriculum which has been developed in partnership with the other schools in our Trust and is rich, exciting and relevant for our pupils. This is delivered in a safe and caring environment, where children flourish and have the opportunity to build positive relationships, make responsible choices and are inspired to become innovative life-long learners. Over the past two years, we have implemented our "Garden School" curriculum which has led to an increased focus on using our incredible outdoor facilities including a huge field complete with bramble hedges, a wild area, a fire pit area and an array of planting areas.

We are a nurturing school and the 6 principles of nurture inform everything we do, permeating daily school life through, for example, our free breakfast club, nurture groups, trusted adults and much more.

We recognise that parents and carers are an integral part of our pupils' educational journeys and we work alongside them to make positive contributions to our local communities. This impact can be seen through our well attended events including reading carousels, coffee afternoons, celebration assemblies and much more.

We work in close partnership with the other village schools in our Trust: Castleton Primary School, Glaisdale Primary School and Lealholm Primary School. Teachers plan together on termly planning days, moderate writing together and provide valuable support. The children enjoy trips together, allowing them to develop confidence in building relationships from an early age with the pupils and staff from the schools. From September 2024, we will share a Head Teacher with Lealholm Primary School.

Our small team of staff are welcoming and friendly. Their passion and motivation shines throughout the school. Don't delay, come and see for yourself.

Ben Russell, Acting Head of School

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust

Our Vision and Values

Vision

- **Ethical** action for a world class education.
- **Nurturing** relationships at the heart of our communities.
- **Brave** leadership in a changing landscape.

Values

- Providing world-class education to all children through an ambitious curriculum.
- Encouraging curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.
- Wrapping around our community through an inclusive nurturing approach.
- Taking pride in local heritage whilst preparing our children to be global citizens.
- Collaborating with partners in education and universal services to support each child's unique journey.
- Highlighting and sharing excellent educational practice for the benefit of all.
- Growing and developing people in all roles to be their very best.



Schools in Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust

Airy Hill Primary School

Pupils succeed and flourish at our school. They achieve well across the whole curriculum. We have a very strong school community where staff care for our pupils and their well-being. Children's behaviour is excellent throughout our school and reflects our high expectations. Not only do pupils behave very well, but they look out for one another and are helpful, polite and welcoming to visitors. Children are keen to talk about how much they enjoy their learning. They feel safe and know that there are adults that they can talk to if they have concerns. Our school values run deeply through the life of our school and are easily identified by anyone visiting us. Relationships between adults, children and our wider community are excellent. Children learn about their local heritage as well as aspects of culture from around the globe - they value and celebrate the differences in each other.



For more information about Airy Hill, please visit our website:
www.airyhill.n-yorks.sch.uk

Castleton Community Primary School

Castleton currently has 53 pupils on roll across two classes: Acorns (EYFS/KS1) and Oaks (KS2). Outdoor learning is a key feature of our provision and children have regular opportunities to participate in a range of outdoor activities. Hidden behind our historic building are extensive grounds, which include tiered gardens featuring a pond, greenhouse, adventure play area, stage, quiet zone, forest school site and an outdoor classroom. Our children are also interested in music and the arts. Our parents are very keen to be involved in the life of the school and we have an active PTFA.



For more information about Castleton, please visit our website:
www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk

Glaisdale Primary School

Glaisdale school currently has 34 pupils on roll across two classes: Explorers (EYFS/KS1) and Adventurers (KS2). We have a relatively new staff team who have worked hard in recent months to develop our curriculum, sports offer, school council and EYFS provision.



Glaisdale Primary School

Our children love the great outdoors and our rural location provides lots of opportunities for sport and adventurous activities. We would love our new teacher in charge to share this passion, taking the lead on improving our sports and PE provision in order to achieve local, regional and national recognition.

Staff have developed excellent relationships with our parents and 100% of those completing a recent survey said they would recommend Glaisdale to other parents.

For more information about Glaisdale, please visit our website:
www.glaisdaleprimaryschool.co.uk

Lealholm Primary School

Lealholm is a very welcoming school with a friendly atmosphere. The small pupil numbers encourage a family feel, where pupils from Reception to Year 6 happily learn, play, eat and celebrate together. All pupils can identify trusted adults within school, including those in non-teaching roles, to whom they could turn to if they had any worries. Positive attitudes and kind behaviour are celebrated and awarded in weekly assemblies.



Pupils have access to a wide range of activities, as well as taking on leadership responsibilities, including being on the school council and being reading buddy. Opportunities to work collaboratively with pupils from other schools within the Trust are actively planned into the school year. This provides pupils from our small village community with useful opportunities to develop confidence and build relationships with their peers beyond Lealholm, in preparation for their eventual transition to secondary school in the nearest town, almost 10 miles away.

For more information about Lealholm, please visit our website:
www.lealholm.n-yorks.sch.uk

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We are a designated Community Primary School, including a nursery and cater for children between the ages of 3 and 11. The children are organised into two classes: Dolphin Class for KS2 pupils and Seahorse Class for EYFS and KS1 pupils.

We provide a rich and exciting curriculum in a safe and caring environment, where children flourish and have the opportunity to build positive relationships, make reputable choices and be inspired to become innovative life-long learners.

We recognise that parents and carers are an integral part of our family of schools, and we strive to work with them to make positive contributions to our local communities.

For more information about Oakridge, please visit our website:
www.oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk

West Cliff Primary School

West Cliff Primary School is a warm and friendly community school that provides education from children aged 2-11. It currently has around 200 children on roll, divided into 8 classes (one for each year group). We also have the Rockpool, which is our Targeted Mainstream Provision for children with high level social, emotional and mental health needs. The school mainly takes children from the west side and the centre of Whitby but is accessible from all parts of the town.



We pride ourselves on providing a warm and welcoming environment for children and adults alike, and we strive to provide the very best standard of education possible for our children. The six principles of nurture run through our school.

We are a Beach School as we believe that the beach is a fantastic resource that can be used, both to learn and have fun on. We are located a short walk from the beach and you can even see the sea from our upper-floor classrooms!

For more information about West Cliff, please visit our website:
www.west-cliff.n-yorks.sch.uk

Application Process

The closing date for all applications is **Midnight, Sunday 7th July**.
Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 10th July**

Please apply via NYC Jobs

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

Queries / Visits

Informal chats with our Acting Head of School Ben Russell are welcomed as are visits to the school. Please contact Chloe Bullen on 01609 536 964 or via chloe.bullen@northyorks.gov.uk to book a call or visit. Chloe has been engaged to support us with recruiting to this exciting opportunity.

Visit Slots

Wednesday 19th at 1.30pm

Monday 24th at 10.30am

Wednesday 26th June at 1.30pm

Please contact Chloe to book a visit, note that other candidates may be present.



Job Description - GTA

POST:	General Teaching Assistant (GTA)
GRADE:	Grade C points 2 - 4
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Teacher in Charge and Head Teacher
STAFF MANAGED:	None
POST REF:	
JOB PURPOSE:	<p>To work, under the direction of the class teacher and other appropriate staff, in assisting in and contributing to the planning, delivery and evaluation of the learning process. The post holder will work in classes, or other appropriate locations with access to support and guidance, supervising groups and /or individual pupils.</p> <p>To assist in the induction and development of classroom support staff as required.</p>
ACCOUNTABILITIES / MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES	
Supporting Learning & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support pre planned learning/behaviour activities as directed by the class teacher. • Using agreed structured observation as directed by the class teacher to feedback on learning, behaviour, participation and achievement, to support the planning and evaluation of the learning process for children. • Interact with pupils in ways that support the development of their ability to think and learn, including the use of careful questioning. • Assist teachers in the implementation of appropriate behaviour management and teaching & learning strategies. • Support pupils in their social and emotional wellbeing, in implementing related programmes, including social, health and physical needs. • Assist in escorting and supervising pupils on educational visits and out of school activities. • Undertake break supervision as required. • To encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the general direction of the teacher participate in establishing and maintaining effective relationships with pupils, parents/carers and with other agencies/professionals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate effectively with all pupils, families, carers and other agencies / professionals.
Sharing information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share information confidentially about pupils with teachers and other professionals as required. Pay due regard to professional boundaries, maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality. Participate in staff meetings.
Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children/Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out tasks associated with pupils' personal hygiene, and welfare, including physical and medical needs, whilst encouraging independence. Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils in line with policy and legislation, raising concerns as appropriate.
Administration/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare classroom materials and learning areas, and undertake minor clerical duties e.g. photocopying and displaying pupils work. Support the use of ICT and adhere to relevant policies Supervise and provide access arrangements for pupils sitting internal and external examinations and tests as required, ensuring that examinations comply with the Examination Board Regulations. Participate in appraisal, training and other learning activities. To contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of, implement your health and safety responsibilities as an employee, and where appropriate any additional specialist or managerial health and safety responsibilities as defined in the Health and Safety policy and procedure. Work with colleagues and others to maintain health, safety and welfare within the working environment.
Data Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To comply with the Trust's policies and supporting documentation in relation to Information Governance, including Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality.
Equalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote inclusion and acceptance of all pupils. Within own area of responsibility, work in accordance with the aims of the Equality policy, treating people with respect for their diversity, culture and values.
Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust requires a commitment to equity of access and outcomes, this will include due regard to equality, diversity, dignity, respect and human rights and working with others to keep vulnerable people safe from abuse and mistreatment. The Trust requires that staff offer the best level of service to their customers and behave in a way that gives them confidence. Customers will be treated as individuals, with respect for their diversity, culture and values.

Person Specification – SEND GTA

Essential upon appointment	Desirable on appointment (if not attained, development may be provided for successful candidate)
<p>Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness of child/young person's development and learning. • An understanding that children/young people have differing needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good understanding of child development and learning processes • Knowledge of behaviour management techniques • Knowledge of Child Protection and Health & Safety policies and procedures • Knowledge of inclusive practice
<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience appropriate to working with children with special educational needs in a learning environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with children with social, emotional and mental health needs.
<p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent • GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English (or equivalent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant NVQ level 3 • Team Teach/Positive Behaviour Management certificate
<p>Occupational Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good written and verbal communication skills: able to communicate effectively and clearly and build relationships with a range of staff, children, young people, their families and carers. • Good reading, writing and numeracy skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic ICT Skills
<p>Personal Qualities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrable interpersonal skills. • Ability to work successfully in a team. • Confidentiality • Flexibility • Resilience • Patience • Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity

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<p>Other Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced DBS Clearance • To be committed to the school's policies and ethos. • To be committed to continuing professional development. • Motivation to work with children and young people. • Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people. • Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes. • Ability to use authority and maintain discipline. • An empathy for equality & diversity 	

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 job.

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 www.gov.uk)

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.
10. 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.