



## Cookridge Holy Trinity Church of England (A) Primary School

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Applying to Cookridge Holy Trinity  
CofE Primary School

Thank you for expressing an interest in this vacancy.

More information about our school can be found on our website at [www.holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk)  
and our latest OfSTED inspection report is available to read at [www.ofsted.gov](http://www.ofsted.gov).

We hope you will find this information useful and we look forward to hearing from you.

### Key Dates:

- **Application Closing Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 12.00 noon**
- **Shortlisting: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- **Interviews: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*(Please note: if you have not heard from us by the interview date you will not have been shortlisted on this occasion)*

### Accompanying Documents:

- **Job Description**
- **Person Specification**
- **Application Form**
- **Applicant Privacy Notice**

*This school is committed to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all children*



**The best for every child**

## **Making an Application**

### **Guidance on Completing the Application Form**

If you wish to be considered for any of these posts please complete the enclosed application form providing full details of your education and employment history, including any unpaid or voluntary work. Where there are gaps in your employment please state the reasons why (e.g. gap year, career break, unemployed, etc).

You will note that we require details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer.

CVs are **not** accepted as part of the application process.

### **Supporting information**

This section of the form is very important. It gives you an opportunity to explain why you are applying and why you are the best person for this job. Use the job description and person specification as your guide and give specific examples, where possible, to demonstrate how you match the requirements for this post. If you do not have enough space, please attach a separate sheet.

**Please remember to sign the declaration on the final page of the application form. If submitted by email (to [tracy.atkinson@holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:tracy.atkinson@holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk)), an email signature is acceptable, provided the email address reflects your name.**

**For teaching posts:** in addition to the application form, please include information (up to 2 sides of A4) detailing your experience of teaching and learning and the impact your contribution will make in terms of raising standards at our school.

### **Equal Opportunities Monitoring**

Leeds City Council is committed to a policy of equal opportunities in employment. To ensure that our Equal Opportunities Policy is effective we ask you to complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Supplement. The form is confidential and kept separately from the application form and will not be available to the short-listing panel.

## **Interview and Selection Process**

Those candidates who meet all the requirements for the post will be shortlisted and details of the interview programme will be confirmed in writing.

As part of the selection process, in addition to assessing your skills and knowledge against the requirements of this role, specific questions will be asked to assess your suitability to work with children.

Under the Equality Act, we are legally required to consider making reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not disadvantaged in the recruitment and selection process. We are therefore committed to meeting, wherever possible, any needs you specify on the application

form. Please contact the school if you need to discuss this in any detail.

We will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Equality Act to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the act) to meet the requirements of the post.

### **Induction and Continuous Professional Development**

The Headteacher and Governing Body are committed to ensuring your wellbeing and continuous professional development in this role. On appointment the Headteacher will discuss an appropriate induction programme with you that will help familiarise you with the culture of the school, local practices, policies and expectations.

You will be offered the opportunity to further develop your professional knowledge by participating in local training events and, where appropriate, working towards further qualifications.

### **Pre-Employment Checks**

#### **Disclosure & Barring Service Check**

Employment at this school is subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure & Barring Service. Checks will also be made against the Barred List. All such checks must be satisfactory before we confirm any offer of an appointment.

Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemption Amendment), there are a number of jobs where we must take account of convictions that are unspent or not 'protected'. The amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website.

Unspent and unprotected convictions may not necessarily make you unsuitable for appointment.

Our recruitment process also includes a **pre-employment health questionnaire** and a **disqualification by association** check where applicable.

### **References**

If you are short-listed we will normally take up references **before** the interview date. One of your referees must be your current or most recent employer. Two satisfactory references must be received before any appointment is made. The information we request will relate to salary, length of service, skills and abilities, suitability for the job, disciplinary record and suitability to work with children. If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, one reference must be from the most recent place where you worked with children.

Copies of references, or references that are addressed "to whom it may concern", will not be accepted. On receipt of references, your referees may be contacted to verify any discrepancies, anomalies or relevant issues as part of the recruitment verification process.

### **Prohibition checks (teachers only)**

Prior to confirming an offer of employment, the school is required to make a mandatory check to ensure a teacher is not prohibited from teaching by the NCTL or its predecessor, the GTC.

## **Validation of Qualifications**

All shortlisted candidates will be asked to bring original certificates of relevant qualifications to interview. These will be photocopied and kept on file and may be confirmed as genuine with the relevant awarding bodies.

## **Right to Work in the United Kingdom**

Under the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, it is a criminal offence to employ anyone who is not entitled to live or work in the United Kingdom. Applicants can expect us to ask for proof of this at interview stage, where you will be asked to provide some original documentation to confirm that you are eligible to work within the UK. Photographic proof of identity will also be required.

## **School Policies**

### **Child Protection**

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a designated senior member of the leadership team who is responsible for referring and monitoring any suspected case of abuse. All members of staff will receive training in line with our child protection policy.

### **Whistleblowing**

We recognise that children cannot be expected to raise concerns in an environment where staff fail to do so. Therefore our policy is to ensure that all staff are made aware of their duty to raise concerns about any inappropriate attitude or actions of colleagues.

### **Code of Conduct and Personal Behaviour**

The school believes that it is essential for standards of conduct at work to be maintained to ensure delivery of quality services and also to protect the wellbeing of all its employees and pupils.

Everyone working at our school is a role model to our pupils. As such employees should conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality and honesty. Furthermore, everyone in the school has an absolute duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children. Registered teachers are in addition bound by the codes and professional values of the Teaching Agency. While registered teachers are bound by the code, the school considers the principles to apply to all staff employed at the school.

## **Equal Opportunities**

We are committed to promoting best practice in our efforts to eliminate discrimination and to create a working and learning environment where all are treated fairly and with respect. We take action to ensure that nobody is treated less favourably than anyone else because of their colour,

race, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age.

**Full details of all these policies are available in school and on our website  
[www.holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.holytrinity.leeds.sch.uk).**