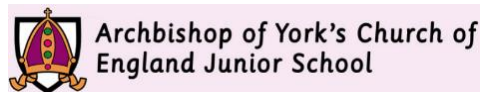


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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for showing an interest in becoming the Executive Head Teacher of Bishopthorpe Infant School and Archbishop of York's CE Junior School.

This really is a unique opportunity to develop an already strong partnership by providing skilled leadership leading to ever closer working and consistency across the schools.

Archbishop of York's Junior School (AYJS) joined South York Multi Academy Trust (SYMAT) in 2018. It is a 2 form entry junior school with strong links to its community. The distinctive Christian faith of the school is exceptionally important to governors, staff and pupils. It's a delightful place to work and be educated in.

Bishopthorpe Infants School is set to join SYMAT on 1 March 2022. The PAN has recently been reduced to 50 following many years as a 2 form entry school. This reflects the demographic changes in the village and will work its way through to AYJS. The ethos of the school is clear from the first time you enter the building. There is a warm caring environment that allows children to thrive. Bishopthorpe Infants is a secular school whose vision and ethos is closely aligned to that of AYJS.

Both schools are held in high regard by their community. The overwhelming majority of infant children transition to AYJS at year 3.

SYMAT is a small trust consisting of Archbishops of York's CE Junior School, Bishopthorpe Infants School, Dunnington CE Primary School, Escrick CE Primary School, Fulford School and Wheldrake with Thorganby CE School. We work in collaboration for the benefit of all our children and young people, staff and families. All our schools are in close proximity to each other and individual primary catchment areas are all shared by Fulford School. We provide a 3-19 pathway for our children through our family of schools.

SYMAT exists to provide schools that serve their community, offering parents and carers high quality local schools for their children. We share a clear set of values, curriculum principals and behaviours. We believe head teachers are best placed to lead their schools and understand their communities. The role of the trust is to enable each head teacher within our trust to be as impactful as possible. We support and challenge each other to provide outstanding provision for all our children and young people.

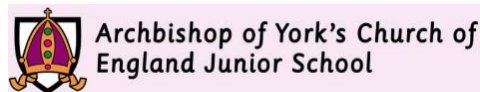
We are looking for a colleague with enthusiasm, skill and a commitment to each child's well-being to join our family of schools. You will not only lead 2 fantastic schools but will also have a strong voice in the future direction of our growing trust.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Steve Lewis
CEO – South York Multi Academy Trust



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Dear Candidate,

We are delighted that you have shown an interest in our schools.

Within the recruitment pack you will be able to read about what is fantastic about our schools and what are children would like to see from their new head teacher.

Each school has a proud and distinctive history. Together we have educated many generations of Bishopthorpe's children. We take our responsibilities seriously, our schools have made a positive difference to thousands of children, their families and our communities. We are value driven schools, where the nurturing of each and every child is central to all we do.

We are ready for the next phase in our history. Working within South York Multi Academy Trust we know the benefits of collaboration and close partnership working. Within the village we want our two schools to move towards a clear harmonisation of curriculum and educational approach. Children may be learning in different buildings but we want all of them to have a seamless primary experience that builds year on year. Likewise, we want to bring staff together to learn and share the best practice across primary phases.

It's an exciting opportunity and we need a great leader to make sure it happens.

If you can, please come and see our schools. You will be welcomed by our impressive children and staff body. They are looking forward to meeting the person who will lead them into an exciting new future.

Chair of Bishopthorpe Infants School

Chair of Archbishop of York's Junior School



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