

Person Specification – Head Teacher

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Honours Degree and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or PGCE	Υ	
Evidence of relevant professional development at senior	Υ	
leadership level		
Relevant management development and training (preferably		Υ
with NPQH)		
Post graduate qualification		Υ
National SENCO Award		Υ

Knowledge & Experience	Essential	Desirable
Experience of collaborative working with vulnerable families and	Υ	
multi-agency teams to support children and their families social,		
emotional, mental health and medical needs.		
Statutory education frameworks	Υ	
Strategic planning processes	Υ	
Strategies for raising achievement and achieving excellence	Υ	
Models of learning and teaching, behaviour and attendance management	Υ	
Strategies for ensuring inclusion, diversity and access	Υ	
Curriculum design and management	Υ	
Strategic financial planning, budgetary management and principles of best value		Υ
Legal issues relating to managing a service, including equal opportunities, race relations, disability, human rights and employment legislation		Y
The use of a range of tools and evidence, including performance data to support, monitor, evaluate and improve all aspects of provision including teaching and learning	Υ	
Significant experience in a service, FE or training provider leadership position with a sustained record of improvement	Υ	
Experience of developing partnership and learning between providers	Υ	
Evidence of successfully leading and sustaining educational initiatives	Υ	
Knowledge of the work of other agencies and opportunities for collaboration	Υ	
A thorough knowledge and successful track record of delivery with vulnerable children and their families	Υ	
Knowledge of strategies to deal with the most vulnerable children	Υ	

Understanding of what constitutes progress in an alternative	Υ	
provision		
Experience of the Common Inspection Framework (Ofsted)	Υ	
Experience of managing and developing alternative provision		Υ
Successful experience of involving the businesses and wider		Υ
community in education		

Philosophy and Values	Essential	Desirable
Commitment to Whiteheath Education Centres Vision and Aims	Υ	
Commitment to developing programmes of study that address	Υ	
individual need		
Commitment to self-evaluation and continuous improvement	Υ	
Commitment to sharing effective practice	Υ	

Leadership and Management	Essential	Desirable
Ability to develop and maintain a clear vision for alternative	Υ	
provision and lead others and to plan and deliver the curriculum		
Lead by example	Υ	
Demonstrable ability to lead, co-ordinate, delegate and	Υ	
empower		
Evidence of successful management of staff performance	Υ	
Ability to manage change and work under pressure of changing	Υ	
circumstances		
Lead initiatives with partners	Υ	
Experience of working collaboratively with other	Υ	
services/organisations		
Leadership of alternative provision		Υ

Skills and Abilities	Essential	Desirable
Ability to think and act strategically and to engage with a wide	Υ	
range of stakeholders and business leaders.		
An inspirational leadership style that imparts confidence	Υ	
motivates staff, parents and pupils.		
Ability to analyse and interpret information to make informed	Υ	
decisions and exercise good judgement.		
Ability to create and maintain strong supportive relationships	Υ	
with Governors, parents, pupils, the community, commissioners,		
other services and education providers.		
Ability to be innovative, creative and tenacious.	Υ	
Skills, experience and ability to promote high quality teaching	Υ	
and learning to meet the needs of all pupils.		
Superb communication and empathetic skills with the ability to	Υ	
relate effectively to all ages and backgrounds		

Personal Qualities	Essential	Desirable
Strong leader able to create a successful team	Υ	
An exceptional role model with high standards of integrity and	Υ	
approachability		
Highly motivated	Υ	
Calm under pressure	Υ	
Flexible and collaborative	Υ	
Excellent interpersonal skills	Υ	
Ability to ask for advice and support where necessary	Υ	

Safeguarding	Essential	Desirable
Evidence of a commitment to promoting the health, welfare and	Υ	
safeguarding of children		
Evidence of promoting, implementing and monitoring equal	Υ	
opportunities across all aspects of the service		
The post holder will be required to have an enhanced DBS check	Υ	
when an offer of employment is made		