



# Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

Working together to be happy; to flourish; to succeed through our Christian Values of perseverance, respect and trust.

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Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Lower Key Stage Two class teacher vacancy at Sleights. As the Headteacher, I am immensely proud and lucky to lead the hardworking and dedicated team. Our staff are committed to making sure that every child and family we work with is happy, flourishing and successful. This post provides a rare and exciting opportunity for someone new to come and be part of something special.

### **About us**

Our school is nestled on the outskirts of Whitby and has an abundance of outdoor space. After a period of significant growth in recent years, Sleights is now organised into six classes across school. We are proud to work with families from the village, surrounding neighbourhoods and Whitby town itself.

Our commitment to every child is vital and underpins everything we do. Alongside excellent relationships with families, teaching staff at Sleights work closely with a dedicated team of teaching assistants. In addition, we employ our own mental health and wellbeing nurse, who is a trained Play Therapist, to support our children.

In 2019, the school was inspected under the new SIAMS and OFSTED frameworks. We successfully secured a "Good" judgement in both inspections. Despite the ongoing challenges facing all schools due to the Covid pandemic, at Sleights, we have not stood still. The team is motivated to tackle new challenges head on and over the last year, we have:

- worked hard to introduce a new phonics programme
- enhance our reading offer, improve our work around times tables
- enhance the curriculum offer and improve physical development.
- significantly increase the number of children learning to play an instrument.
- established an exciting link with the Zambezi Sunrise Trust.
- achieved a number of national awards, including Online Safety, Sports Mark and Music Mark.

Alongside this, we opened two brand new Early Years classrooms in September 2022. In December 2022, we also learnt that the school is part of the national rebuild programme. It really is a very exciting time to be at Sleights!

Collaborative and supportive practice is important to us and our full staff team. Teachers benefit from working closely with other professionals, both informally and part of our established CPD groups, to constantly develop practice, in a supportive way. Our staff speak highly of this approach:

“At Sleights we are very much a team! Our staff and CPD meetings are a crucial part of how we consistently support each other to support the children. I find this collaborative way of working invaluable to my own practise and professional wellbeing.” Teacher

### **About the post**

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic practitioner to teach our wonderful children in Lower Key Stage Two, on a temporary, full time basis. The post would be reviewed, with the possibility of extending further, if pupil numbers and budget constraints allow.

Since the return from the national lockdown and school closures, we have worked hard to prioritise and support children’s emotional wellbeing and development, alongside a rigorous learning experience, leading to outstanding outcomes. We want to appoint a teacher who values this approach as much as we do.

All candidates are strongly encouraged to contact the school, or email me directly to arrange a visit of our school ([headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk))

Applications must be made using the form provided. CVs will not be accepted. Please use the ‘Supporting Evidence’ section to help us learn more about you and the talents and skills you could bring to our children and families. This should not exceed two sides of A4.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to receiving your application,

Scott Grason-Taylor  
Headteacher