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**Wrenthorpe Academy  
Teacher  
Application Pack**

<b>Post title</b>	Teacher
<b>Location</b>	Wrenthorpe Academy Imperial Avenue Wrenthorpe Wakefield WF2 0LW
<b>Salary &amp; Grade</b>	MPS / UPS
<b>Hours</b>	Full time Permanent

Waterton Academy Trust is looking to appoint an inspirational and ambitious teacher to join the teaching and learning team at Wrenthorpe Academy from September 2024.

Wrenthorpe Academy is a popular and successful 1.5 form entry primary school serving the community of Wrenthorpe. The school was inspected by Ofsted in March 2020. Inspectors praised the school's culture for learning and ambitious drive for high standards across the curriculum. 'The pupils at Wrenthorpe Academy are proud of their school. They describe how the school allows them to embrace individuality and value differences. Teachers are ambitious for their pupils and the school does a great deal to develop pupils' character and prepare them for later life.' Ofsted March 2020.

Waterton Academy Trust is a forward-thinking group of 14 partner schools and 4 pre-schools serving Wakefield and Barnsley. The trust's primary goal is to ensure all pupils receive an excellent standard of education. Wrenthorpe Academy joined the trust as an academy convertor in 2017 and staff, governors, pupils and families are very proud to be part of this collaborative group.

**We are looking for a teacher who:**

- Can inspire and motivate pupils to shine as individuals, make a positive contribution to the school community and achieve their full potential
- Can work as part of a successful team to plan and deliver an inspiring and engaging curriculum
- Has a track record of improving standards
- Is fair and constant and able to establish effective learning behaviours and manage conduct and behaviour to good effect
- Is innovative and able to offer high quality learning opportunities
- Has high expectations of themselves and others and are committed to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils
- Is willing contribute fully to school life and have the drive and determination to contribute to whole school developments
- Is committed to ongoing professional development
- Is able to build good working relationships with children, colleagues, parents and carers

**In return we can offer:**

- The support and expertise of an experienced Senior Leadership Team, active Governing Body, skilled Waterton School Improvement Professionals and wider network of professional colleagues across the family of schools
- A firm commitment to your continuing professional development
- A positive school community wholeheartedly dedicated to the pupils and community they serve
- A professional, hardworking and motivated team of teachers and support staff committed to developing and raising standards
- Motivated and engaged pupils who are keen to learn

- A cycle to work scheme
- A well-being package
- An excellent pension package

## Next Steps

Interested candidates are encouraged to visit Wrenthorpe Academy. To arrange a visit, or for further information, please contact the school office 01924 378001.

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# Dear Applicant



**Thank you for your interest in the post of Teacher at Wrenthorpe Academy. We hope that this pack provides you sufficient insight and information to decide if you have the right qualities, skills and experience to apply for the position.**

Our Trust came in to being on the 1st of September 2014. Our 13 primary, infant, and junior schools, 2 Assessment Resource Units and 4 Pre-Schools are currently situated within the Wakefield and Barnsley areas and consist of well over 3000 pupils.

This is an exciting time for all concerned with the trust as we enter into a new phase of development. The reshaping of our focus and renewed drive for excellence will undoubtedly lead to improved opportunities and outcomes for all.

People are at the heart of our organisation. We invest heavily in our children, staff, Trustees and Governors, ensuring that we all benefit from being part of the Waterton family. We seek to create a fertile environment for growth, to share best practice, develop expertise, draw on local, national and international research, and form partnerships within and beyond the trust.

Working for Waterton you will have the opportunity to shape the lives of not only those in your care within your own school, but contribute to the wellbeing of all those in the Waterton family.



Given the trust's ambitions for excellence, we are seeking to employ outstanding individuals to join our team. We require highly skilled professionals that can contribute to the development of our provision and support our academies in providing our children with the best possible learning experience. If this is you, then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Dickinson OBE  
Chief Executive Officer

# Dear Colleagues



Thank you for expressing an interest in the role of Teacher at Wrenthorpe Academy. On behalf of the children, the staff, the parents and the Governors I would like to offer a very warm welcome. We are looking to recruit two innovative and outstanding teachers who will add value to our very strong team. We hope that you find the information in this pack useful.



At Wrenthorpe Academy our intention is to enable every pupil to become a successful learner, a confident individual and a responsible citizen. We aim to achieve this by providing a stimulating education which nurtures and develops children, celebrates their achievements and challenges them to aim high and be the best they can be in all that they do.

We strive to provide a curriculum which is:

- ACTIVE
- ENGAGING
- MEANINGFUL
- MEMORABLE

## OUR KEY VALUES:

- Where everyone is valued
- Where everyone is learning
- Where everyone is tolerant
- Where everyone aims high

*'These positive attitudes and good behaviour support pupils' learning. Pupils enjoy their learning and can speak about the new things they have learned. Parents are very positive about the school and the overwhelming majority would recommend it.'* **OFSTED March 2020**

Staff at Wrenthorpe Academy are very well supported and happy to be part of a welcoming and friendly staff team. The Academy is a light, bright and spacious school building and has good communication links to Leeds and Wakefield.

All staff receive regular opportunities to reflect and develop their practise through our programme of continuous professional development. The Trust provides a well-being package and many opportunities for additional learning and development.

If you share our values and vision for excellence, and would thrive on leading a team of aspirational professionals, we would love to meet you and look forward to receiving your application.

**Mrs L Penny**  
**Headteacher**

- ❖ You get to embrace who you are.
- ❖ We are a community and relationships are very good.
- ❖ Everyone gets involved.
- ❖ We know we are all different, but we value everyone just the same.
- ❖ We never give up.

## Feedback from the children

# About Our School

Wrenthorpe Academy is a larger than average school and caters for over 300 children in the Wrenthorpe area. The vast majority of our children continue their education at nearby Outwood Grange Academy.



Wrenthorpe has a real sense of community and the school is in the heart of the village. Wrenthorpe Pre-School is on the school site which provides education for children of Nursery age and also offers wrap around care which is very popular with our community of busy working parents.

## Wrap Around Provision

Wrenthorpe Academy offers a breakfast and after school club from 7:30am to 6pm alongside holiday club provision.

In order for children to achieve high standards and make good progress throughout their school journey here at Wrenthorpe Academy, we are committed to providing a stimulating and engaging curriculum which extends far beyond the limitations of the classroom:

- We have extensive outdoor areas which include: a school pond, wildlife areas, school allotments and outdoor reading sheds.
- We plan many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom including field trips, class trips and residentials.
- We pride ourselves on the huge range of activities that our teachers provide as part of our wider after school club offer. This enables children to find their passion and to continue to grow and develop as individuals.
- We are also very committed to sport, fitness and well-being. Our PE curriculum is outstanding and children have many opportunities to compete at inter-school level and also as representatives of Wrenthorpe Academy, competing against other schools in the Outwood Grange pyramid.

We work in partnership with parents to ensure that our children develop essential skills and are well prepared for High School.

We aim for children to be aware of what they enjoy, to find their passion and their interests and to be kind, well-rounded individuals. Ultimately, we strive for our children to be compassionate, independent and responsible people who are prepared in every sense to embrace the next stage of their education.



Our staff are really supportive. We work together as a team to bring out the best in every child. I couldn't imagine working anywhere else. It is a pleasure to work at Wrenthorpe Academy.

**Class Teacher**

# About the Trust



Investing in people and in partnerships is key to ensuring excellence and is something that as a trust we are extremely passionate about. We are proud to call ourselves an outward facing organisation and are advocates of sharing best practice and contributing to the wider system leaders’ network. We encourage colleagues to take up opportunities and engage in projects outside of the trust.

**Waterton Offices**  
 C - Centre for Excellence  
 O - Operations Office

**West Hub Schools**  
 1 - Wrenthorpe Academy  
     p - Wrenthorpe Pre-School  
 2 - Charlston Community School  
 3 - Walton Primary Academy  
 4 - Normanton Junior Academy  
 5 - Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery School  
 6 - Normanton Common Primary Academy  
 7 - Crofton Infants' School

**East Hub Schools**  
 8 - Churchfield Primary School  
 9 - King's Meadow Academy  
     p - The Meadow Pre-School  
 10 - West End Academy  
     p - The Woodland Pre-School  
 11 - South Kirkby Academy  
 12 - Ackworth Mill Dam School  
 13 - Cherry Tree Academy  
     p - Cherry Blossom Pre-School  
 14 - Newstead Academy

The trust has maintained a manageable geographical partnership area, one where academy staff and central team colleagues are able to travel between sites within a reasonable time frame. The trust intends to continue to grow within these key partnership areas.

There are currently fourteen academies in the trust, all are within the Wakefield and Barnsley boundaries and therefore find it easy to attend INSET, CPD and trust events. The trust has adopted a Hub Model to further support collaborative working and allow for future growth.

## Governance

The Trust model of governance is based on two geographical hubs and is built to ensure scalability and clear lines of communication between all levels of governance. The Members of Waterton Academy Trust commissioned a review of Governance by the CST which took place during the academic year 22/23. The findings of the review were extremely positive and reaffirmed our belief that the Trust has a robust and fit for purpose governance model.



**1 Members**  
**Board of Members:** Custodians of governance arrangements, including appointing Trustees.

**2 Trustees**  
**Board of Trustees:** Ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction of the Trust, oversee financial management and hold leaders to account for educational performance.

**3 LHB**  
**Local Hub Boards:** Support the Trust in the delivery of key objectives at local level in accordance with its delegated powers and by establishing a Finance and Standards Committee.

**4 ASC**  
**Academy Standards Committee:** Ensure that academies have a voice and promote community cohesion. Review, monitor and evaluate educational provision to foster an environment where all children reach their full potential.

# Our Vision, Values and KPIs



- Assemble a collaborative of schools that strive to deliver excellence throughout
- Establish an environment where children enjoy and engage in a rich and relevant curriculum
- Cultivate a culture of high aspiration, regardless of social, economic or cultural background
- Create a community where everyone reaches their full potential and where success truly is a shared experience



- To be trustworthy
- To be tolerant
- To be supportive
- To be courageous
- To be respectful
- To be honest
- To be dedicated
- To be compassionate



- Governance is robust
- Finances are secure
- Reputation is strong
- Employer of choice
- Outcomes are excellent
- Academies are good or better
- Estate is fit for purpose
- Community contributor



# Job Description

<b>Title</b>	Teacher
<b>Responsible for</b>	Carrying out the professional responsibilities of a teacher, upholding the Professional Teachers' Standards (DFE) and the supervision of support staff when deployed to contribute to pupils' learning.
<b>Accountable to</b>	Headteacher

## Purpose of the Post

To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils Ensure delivery of high quality teaching and learning for which they are accountable. Teachers make the education of their pupils their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. Teachers act with honesty and integrity, have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teachers up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of their pupils. (Teachers' Standards, DFE, 2011)

## Teachers' Standards, DFE, 2011. A teacher must:

- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils (TS1)
- Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils (TS2)
- Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge (TS3)
- Plan and teach well-structured lessons (TS4)
- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils (TS5)
- Make accurate and productive use of assessment (TS6)
- Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment (TS7)
- Fulfil wider professional responsibilities (TS8)
- Demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct (PART TWO)

## A) Planning, Development and Co-ordination

- To set challenging teaching and learning objectives which are relevant to all pupils in their classes.
- To use teaching and learning objectives to plan lessons and sequences of lessons.
- To select and prepare resources, and plan for the effective and safe organisation, taking into account pupils' interests, learning needs, language and cultural backgrounds, with the help of support staff where appropriate.
- To contribute to the teaching team, meetings and events.
- To plan for the deployment of support staff where deployed to contribute to pupils' learning.
- To plan for opportunities for pupils to learn in and outside of school contexts.
- To produce long, medium and short term plans in accordance with the school's policies and procedures and within required deadlines.

## B) Teaching, Learning and Classroom Management

- To have high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils and build successful relationships centred on teaching and learning.
- To establish a purposeful and stimulating learning environment where diversity is valued and where pupils feel safe, secure and confident.
- To teach the required knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the curriculum for pupils in their age range.

- To teach well-structured sequences of lessons and schemes of work which interest and motivate pupils, make learning objectives clear, employ interactive teaching methods and provide collaborative opportunities.
- To promote active and independent learning that enables pupils to think for themselves and plan and manage their own learning.
- To differentiate teaching to meet the needs of pupils of all ability ranges taking into account varying interests, experiences and achievements of boys and girls and different cultural and ethnic groups to promote good progress and outcomes by all.
- To organise and manage teaching and learning time effectively.
- To organise and manage the physical teaching space, tools, materials and resources safely and effectively with the help of support staff where appropriate.
- To set high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct and establish a clear framework for classroom discipline in line with the school's policy. Anticipate and manage pupils' behaviour constructively and promote self-control and independence.
- To use IT effectively to enhance the delivery of teaching and learning.
- To take responsibility for teaching a class or classes over a sustained and substantial period of time.
- To provide homework which consolidates and extends work carried out in the class and encourages pupils to learn independently.
- To work collaboratively with other professionals and manage the work of support staff to enhance pupils' learning.
- To recognise and respond promptly and effectively to equality issues as they arise in the classroom and challenge stereotyped views, bullying and harassment in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.
- To create a culture which shows tolerance of and respect for the rights of others, not undermining fundamental British values including: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with difference faiths and beliefs).
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate adult.
- To attend and participate in regular meetings.
- To participate in training, continuous professional development and other learning activities as required including participation in the school's appraisal and capability arrangements.

### **C) Monitoring and Assessment**

- To make appropriate use of the school's monitoring and assessment strategies to evaluate pupils' progress towards planned learning objectives.
- To use monitoring and assessment information to improve planning and teaching for improved learning outcomes.
- To monitor and assess the effectiveness of learning activities and provide immediate and constructive feedback to support pupils as they learn.
- To involve pupils in reflecting on, evaluating and improving their own performance and progress.
- To assess pupils' progress accurately against appropriate standards.
- To identify and support pupils with differing levels of ability and those experiencing behavioural, emotional and social difficulties.
- To identify levels of attainment for pupils learning English as an additional language.
- To record pupils' progress and achievements systematically, providing evidence of the range of their work, progress and attainment overtime to inform planning.
- To report on pupils' attainment and progress to parents, carers and other professionals in accordance with the statutory reporting and assessing frameworks.

- To develop and audit schemes of work and other documentation related to the use of the subject within school and to support cross curricular delivery including subject support for colleagues to enable curriculum requirements to be met.
- To develop strategies for the use of the subject to promote new teaching methods and improve learning throughout school and to monitor their effectiveness in raising standards of teaching and learning.
- To lead or contribute to professional development activities as part of the planned programme for the school and to promote the sharing of good practice.
- To manage the resources available for the subject and make recommendation in order to maintain and develop curriculum provision.

### **Core Duties**

- The education and welfare of a designated class/set groups in accordance with the Conditions of Employment of School Teachers as laid down in the current Pay and Conditions Document.
- To ensure that the requirements of the current National Curriculum, EYFS Statutory Framework and KCSIE, the school aims and all policies agreed by the Governing Body and Waterton Academy Trust are fully complied with.
- To wholly commit to ensuring children and young people and fully supported and safe.
- To safeguard all children and young people whilst promoting their welfare.



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I have worked for Waterton Academy Trust for nearly 7 years and during this time I've watched it grow into something unique and exciting, providing fantastic opportunities for both pupils and staff.

**Pam**

**Chief Finance and Operations Officer**





Waterton Academy Trust is wholly committed to ensuring children and young people are fully supported and safe. We are dedicated to the safeguarding of all children and young people whilst promoting their welfare and expect all staff and volunteers to share this responsibility. The Trust has policies and procedures relating to safeguarding and child protection available on request.

Waterton Academy Trust follows safer recruitment processes which all applicants will be subject to. This includes the interview process containing questions about the safeguarding of children and the disclosure of criminal records and other vetting checks.

An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful candidates, this process is completed by an online third-party company. All successful candidates are required to join the DBS update service with an annual cost of £13.

The position is also subject to two satisfactory references. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide details of any unspent convictions and those that would not be filtered, prior to the date of the interview.

We are committed to treating all applicants fairly and have a policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders which is available to applicants on request.

Waterton Academy Trust is wholly committed in ensuring that all employees, future employees and applicants are treated equally regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, maternity, race, religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.



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