

 Welcome to Stocks Lane Primary School

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for a position in our school. I hope to give you a little background information about our amazing school and why it is such a great place in which to work and to continue to further your career in.

Stocks Lane Primary School has undergone many changes since it was built in the Victorian era as a First School. It became a through primary school in 2002-2003 as a half-form entry with 105 pupils on roll when the nearby housing estate was built. Over the last few years we have been in the midst of another expansion plan to take us to a one-form entry school by September 2021, which is still a relatively small sized school in Bradford these days.

Our 192 pupils come from across the Queensbury area, but the majority live in the near-by private housing estates in Clayton Heights. Our makeup of pupils is that of mainly white British working families with 19% Pupil Premium and 24% of pupils being from an ethnic heritage.

Our staffing structure is of course relatively small too. In September 2017 we restructured the Senior Leadership Team and our Headteacher became the Executive Head across our school and Carrwood Primary in the Holmewood area of Bradford. I became Headteacher and an Assistant Headteacher was appointed from within school.

The values that run through every member of staff and Governor at Stocks Lane are those that we instil within every child in our school community on a daily basis. Our children, parents, staff and Governors worked together to devise them when we rebranded the school in 2015. We wanted to encompass our caring and supportive ethos, as well as capturing the new design brief of the building, that we will have very soon! They are: Believe, Encourage, Succeed Together (BEST).

Our pupils are very conscientious and have a thirst for learning a variety of new and exciting things, whilst the staff have clear, high expectations of each and every child in the school.

In November 2018 we had a Section 8 inspection where OfSTED continued to grade our school as a ‘good’ school and we strive to keep this accolade and of course, as always, improve upon it.

Please take a look at our website to find out more about our school.

Thank you.

Mrs L. Neal

Headteacher

Here are some quotes from our pupils and staff about their school.

We have a bright and colourful school environment and nice classrooms

The staff in our friendly school are very welcoming

I started at Stocks Lane six years ago as an NQT and I am now EYFS manager. Since starting, I have been fortunate enough to have had the training, experiences, friendly colleagues and a very approachable senior leadership team to help me get to where I am today. I have always felt fully supported by all members of staff and was made to feel extremely welcome and part of the team from day one.

 Working in a small school can have its challenges but the committed teaching and support staff problem solve as a team. We always work together to overcome these challenges and ensure all children are immersed in a rich, varied and relevant curriculum to enable them to become the best that they can be.

 Each day at Stocks Lane is different, challenging and extremely rewarding. I always look forward to coming to school and working with our fantastic team and hardworking children.

I joined Stocks Lane two years ago and as a new member of staff I was welcomed whole-heartedly by the whole school community. At first, I felt a little daunted joining such a tight knit team but these fears were soon put to rest. I have felt fully supported as I have become familiar with the school’s processes and a role which is new to myself.

Being part of such an inclusive team is very rewarding. The open and honest atmosphere in school allows me to continuously reflect on my own practice and the way in which this impacts on the pupils. All of the staff and pupils are “in it together” and this attitude is encouraged throughout the school.

Working in a small school environment is a fantastic experience and a sense of community and togetherness is present in every aspect of the day. I am looking forward to staying at the school throughout its expansion and facing the challenges that this entails.

We have nice sensible pupils in our lovely school, who are well behaved and enjoy their education.

I have lots of opportunities to take part in different things such as being a Lunch Time Buddy and being on the School Council. We have lots of fun activities like World Book Day, drumming, clubs and residential.