

Poppyfield Primary Academy
Head of School L15 to L19
Required from September 2019

Poppyfield Primary Academy is a new 210-place primary free school in Cannock, due to open in September 2019 for Nursery and Reception, with one class per year group, and the aim of growing year-on-year up to Year 6.

Poppyfield Primary Academy is part of Victoria Academies Trust. Victoria Academies is an established multi-academy trust created on 1st January 2014. It began as a single academy and is named after the founder school, Victoria Park in Smethwick. It became the first primary school in the local authority (Sandwell) to convert to an academy in April 2012. Almost two years later it became the lead school and sponsor within Victoria Academies Trust.

Victoria Academies have a proven track record for transforming schools, regardless of where they are on their improvement journey. At any one time, typically half of our schools will have been in special measures at some point. Our sponsor academy, Victoria Park, was shortlisted for TES School of the Year having previously gone from special measures to outstanding in exactly 1,000 days. We have a unique understanding therefore of the challenges that schools and their communities face when transforming the life chances of our families.

The school will offer an innovative and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of local children and is based around the NICER curriculum which is used in many of the Trust schools, where performance in reading, writing and maths is well above the national and regional average.

The school will open in a new two-storey building that will offer light and spacious classrooms and a learning resource centre equipped with the latest IT, as well as a food technology room, sports fields and outside play areas.

The Board of Trustees and Executive Head Teacher are looking to appoint a highly effective and dedicated professional to lead Poppyfield Primary Academy as Head of School from September 2019. First and foremost, we are looking for an excellent practitioner who is able to lead and inspire our pupils and staff to achieve excellence. This post represents a really exciting opportunity for someone who wishes to develop their leadership skills within a very strong and supportive professional network.

Working closely with the Executive Head Teacher, you will be responsible for the strategic direction and day to day running of the school. You will have proven experience of Senior Leadership, ideally being a serving Deputy Head Teacher who is looking for the next step in your career – with the support and guidance of an experienced Executive Head Teacher.

As part of Victoria Academies Trust, you will work as part of an innovative exciting group of leaders who put our trust values at the heart of everything we do.

The successful candidate will be fortunate to work with a committed and hard-working staff who all want the very best outcomes for our pupils, including a very passionate and strong leadership team. Our pupils are delightful, ambitious and value their education, our families are supportive and want the very best for their children.

Visits are welcomed and arranged by calling Sarah Hulmes, Executive Headteacher's PA 01785 334144.

Victoria Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children so you will need to take a disclosure and barring check. We are committed to promoting Equal Opportunities and therefore only applications submitted on the Academy application form will be considered. We do not accept CV only applications.

This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role. Please submit your completed application form to sarah.hulmes@rowleyparkacademy.org.uk

Closing Date: Friday 8th February 2019

Interviews: Thursday 14th February 2019