**\*Remove footnotes and commentary before issuing\***

Name

Address

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**[Home Email]**

**By post and by email**

[DATE]

Dear [NAME]

**Conditional Job Offer – Headteacher**

I am delighted to offer you the post of [INSERT] with the [NAME OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL] (the Governing Body) which operates [the school of the same name/the [INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL] (the School and your “Place of Work”[[1]](#footnote-1)) .

The basic terms of our offer are set out in this letter (the “Offer Letter” referred to in the Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers) and are subject to the conditions in this letter. *[if the job description is available include the following*: The job description applicable to the post being offered is also enclosed]. You will also find a copy of our Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers, which includes a description of our ethos and values, enclosed. Taken together these documents constitute one single document and your contract of employment, including your Section 1 written statement of particulars (as legally required by virtue of the Employment Rights Act 1996).

Before you can commence employment with us, we will require the second copy of this letter to be signed, dated and returned to us to confirm your acceptance of employment on the terms and conditions offered.

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| 1. **Commencement Date[[2]](#footnote-2) and Continuity of Employment:** | Your employment with the Governing Body [commenced/will commence] on [DATE].  [Your period of continuous service for the purposes of statutory redundancy began on [DATE][[3]](#footnote-3) .]  [Your period of continuous service for the purposes of [occupational sick pay] [and] [occupational maternity pay] began on [DATE][[4]](#footnote-4).]  [Your employment was transferred to the Governing Body as a result of the application of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and your period of continuous service for this purpose is [DATE].] |
| 1. **Job Description:** | [As set out in the recruitment pack enclosed.]  **NJ** |
| 1. **Reporting:** | This post reports to [INSERT LINE MANAGEMENT POST], or such other person as may be notified to you from time to time. |
| 1. **Full-Time/Part-Time:** | [This post is full-time.]  [This post is part-time with you working [0.X] of the full time equivalent role on the following work pattern: [INSERT].] |
| 1. **Permanent/Temporary/ Fixed Term:** | [This post is a permanent post.]  [This post is a temporary post[[5]](#footnote-5).]  [This post is a fixed term post commencing on the Commencement Date and continuing until [INSERT DATE/EVENT][[6]](#footnote-6).] |
| 1. **Hours (i.e. term time only or year round employment):** | [INSERT] |
| 1. **Probationary Period:** | Refer to the Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers. |
| 1. **Total Annual Salary:** | Your total annual salary (which reflects whether you are full-time or part-time) with effect from the Commencement Date is £[INSERT] and comprises:   * your basic salary of £[INSERT] at point [INSERT] on our [INSERT] Pay Range. * [additional/exceptional payments of [£INSERT] for [INSERT].] * [a recruitment allowance with an annual value of £[INSERT] which shall expire on [DATE] unless re-granted].] * [INSERT AS APPROPRIATE]. |
| 1. **Benefits[[7]](#footnote-7):** | [Insert details] |
| 1. **Notice Period:** | Notice Periods are set out in the enclosed Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers. |
| 1. **Holiday entitlement:** | See clause [23] of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Deputy and Assistant Headteachers. |

1. **Checks:**

This job offer is conditional upon us receiving all of the following prior to the Commencement Date:

* your signed copy of this letter;
* verification of your identity and qualifications;
* at least two satisfactory confidential references;
* a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Criminal Record Check;
* a clean DBS Barred List Check;
* a satisfactory Teachers Services On-Line Check;
* verification of your legal right to work in the UK;
* evidence that you are medically fit to work in a school setting;
* a signed Privacy Notice (a copy of which is enclosed);
* satisfactory overseas criminal records checks if we consider them appropriate; and
* completed register of interests[[8]](#footnote-8).

Your attention is drawn to Clause [11] of the enclosed Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers which sets out the conditions of the role and the warranties that you are providing in accepting employment with us.

1. **Next Steps**
2. Please confirm your acceptance of this conditional offer of employment by signing, dating and returning the second copy of this letter which can be done by post or email.
3. Please contact [INSERT NAME], to discuss the documents you need to produce to the School to help with the employment checks and to arrange to come into the School. You should also send details of your bank account for salary payment [on the attached form] together with your P45 and NI number[[9]](#footnote-9).
4. [Please complete the enclosed confidential occupational health form and send it to the address on the enclosed envelope./You will be sent a link to an online health survey, please complete as soon as possible[[10]](#footnote-10).]
5. **Induction**

We will write to you separately with details of the induction process.

1. **[For Schools in England: Keeping Children Safe In Education/For Schools in Wales: Keeping Children and Young People Safe]**

All employees are required to be familiar with the contents of the Government guidance on [for Schools in England: Keeping Children Safe in Education last updated from September 2021/for Schools in Wales: Keeping Learners Safe published April 2021].

[INSERT LINK TO LATEST GUIDANCE]

You will be asked to sign each year to confirm you have read the guidance.

The Governing Body’s Designated Safeguarding Lead is [INSERT NAME].

1. **Teachers’ Pension Scheme**

You will be automatically enrolled into the Teachers’ Pension Scheme. Details are available here: [www.teacherspensions.co.uk](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk). Further information is also included at Clause [15] of the enclosed Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers.

I look forward to receiving the signed documents from you as per the checklist below and to your joining us in the near future.

Yours sincerely

**[NAME]**

**[ROLE]**

**Enclosures:**

* 1. Second copy offer letter for counter-signature
  2. Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers
  3. [Job description]
  4. [Salary payment form]
  5. [Occupational Health Form]
  6. Privacy Notice
  7. [any other documents].

Checklist of items to be returned:

Signed copy of this letter

[SPECIFY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS]

[SPECIFY EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS]

Signed Privacy Notice

Completed Register of Interests

[Completed Salary Payment Form]

[Completed Occupational Health Form]

[ANY OTHER DOCUMENT(S)]

**COPY LETTER**

**\*Copy and paste content of letter above here and leave and follow with the acceptance of offer below\***

**Acceptance of Offer:**

I,…………………………………………………………………………(INSERT NAME) confirm that I have read and understood this letter and the enclosures, particularly the Standard Terms and Conditions for Headteachers, and agree to be bound by them in accepting the offer of employment contained herein:

…………………………………………………………….

Signature

……………………………………..

Date

1. For the purposes of clause [19] of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Employment for Headteachers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This is the date that employment will commence and is referred to in the template standard terms and conditions for teaching staff employed by the governing body. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The period of continuous employment for the purposes of statutory redundancy needs to be calculated in accordance with the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government, etc) (Modification) Order 1999. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The date to be inserted here must reflect any recognised past teaching/local government service for the purposes of occupational sick pay and/or occupational maternity pay. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Temporary employment is usually employment for an unknown period of time, for example, to undertake work on a specific project of unknown length. You should include in the letter when termination will occur e.g. on completion of the particular task. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Examples of fixed-term employment include, but are not limited to, posts covering the role of an employee on maternity leave, adoption leave, shared parental leave, medical suspension. The letter should state that the employee’s employment will be terminated on the resumption of work by the employee they are covering. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Section 1 particulars must include details of any benefits. ‘Benefits’ does not include sick pay, pension, holiday pay and other paid leave, which must be set out separately (which they are in the standard terms and conditions). If there are no benefits then simply say there are no benefits applicable to your employment [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. All members of the Governing Body and the Headteacher must have completed the register of interests. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Please amend according to your School process. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Please amend according to your School process. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)