

Raise Education & Wellbeing School

Candidate Information Pack



A message from our proprietor, Jason Steele

As its proprietor and principal, as well as one of the original founders, on behalf of our governing body and our whole school team I extend a heartfelt thank you for taking an interest in our school and our unique approach to nurturing the youth and investing in the future.

If you are considering joining our vibrant school community - be it as a student, parent/carer, employee or commissioner - the core message I wish to impart is this: **Raise cares deeply about children, young people, families and communities, and will do all that is possible to promote their safety, health, happiness and overall wellbeing.**

We have unified a community of passionate, caring, highly skilled and experienced professionals dedicated to doing our very best for our students. Our commitment is to be a school that not only promotes the **wellbeing of all its stakeholders** but also ensures that children and young people remain at the centre of everything we do.

At the heart of our mission lies a steadfast commitment **to bringing people, communities, partnerships and industry together to raise the youth and invest in the future.** Our school community and collaborative partnerships offer and provide our students with a holistic programme of learning, personal development and therapeutic activities. This comprehensive approach is designed to empower our students at every level to:

- **Be Safe & Feel Safe:** Ensuring a secure environment that nurtures the sense of safety among all students. Where safety is paramount and allows our students to thrive without concerns about their well-being.
- **Promote Their Health & Wellbeing:** Implementing practices that support physical, mental and emotional health. Our programmes are infused with initiatives that promote health and wellbeing. From physical activities to mindfulness sessions, every aspect is designed to forge strong bodies and resilient minds because we recognize that a healthy student is a flourishing one.
- **Have Fun & Experience Happiness:** We believe that learning should be enjoyable. Our curriculum includes fun activities that contribute to a happy school and creating opportunities for joy and positive experiences within the school community. We strive to infuse fun and happiness into the educational journey, crafting moments of laughter and awe that ignite passion and foster lifelong memories.
- **Learn & Develop Essential Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes:** Our tailor-made curriculum equips students with the critical tools needed to succeed in all facets of life. Providing educational experiences that foster growth, resilience and a readiness for future challenges and opportunities.

Our objective is to equip students to be safe, healthy and well-balanced human beings who flourish in all aspects of their lives.

Together, let's raise aspirations, raise standards, and raise futures.

Warm regards,
Jason Steele

What We Do

We are a compassionate person centred, family and community-based school. We wish to teach and guide pupils towards attitudes of kindness, compassion and respect for themselves and others. We wish to support and enable pupils' self-confidence to know they can achieve, be healthy, well and participate, and make a positive contribution to society. We believe young people are our future and we wish to invest in their future by offering a high-quality co-designed & individualised curriculum that provides them with the skills, knowledge, values and experiences to succeed and thrive in all aspects of learning, personal development and life.

We will provide nurturing relationships built upon developed mutual respect, high expectations and trust in us as emotionally available adults to support their learning, personal development and wellbeing. We foster attitudes of compassion, skilful means of discipline and support, and have high regard for pupils' learning experiences and achievements. We wish to work collaboratively with pupils and parents/carers to promote and enable pupils' positive attitude in their effort to learn and develop knowledge, skills and values to be able to make positive behaviour choices so they can succeed in school and in their futures.

Children and young people experience a broad range curriculum that includes psychosocial education, social emotional literacy and health & well-being support to promote their welfare and enable them to acquire the skills to be safe, promoting and enhance their personal, social, physical, emotional development, and support and enhance well-being. Our Curriculum and personal development support prepare young people for adult life, with particular regards to developing their knowledge and skills for independent living, citizenship, personal and professional relationships, and family life. Our teaching, care, and support promote young people's well-being and enable them to participate and contribute as British citizens to the wider aspects of keeping people and communities' safe and contributing to a healthy, cohesive, and prosperous society.



In many cases, young people join Raise and need considerable amounts of support, encouragement and catch up and recover time to be able to return to the learning environment with confidence and reintegrate themselves into academic life.

How We Work

Varied and proven approaches:

Maslow

Trauma and mental health informed UK

The Thrive Approach

PACE: Playfulness, acceptance, curiosity and empathy.

The National Autistic Society's SPELL Framework

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) – The Association for Psychological Therapies

Team-Teach – De-escalation and positive handling support

Mindfulness-Based Approaches for Health and Wellbeing including mindfulness in schools project programmes

Compassion focused interventions

Emotional coaching

Our multidisciplinary team and collaborative delivery partners:

At Raise we take pride in our multidisciplinary team's professional expertise, which encompasses a broad spectrum of knowledge, skills and experience. Our community of professionals is not only robust but also supported by contracts and service level agreements with highly skilled and qualified external delivery partners. These arrangements ensure that our students receive the necessary support to feel safe, protected, cared for and educated, as well as providing them with an assessed comprehensive package of education and wellbeing support.

Our founding directors bring a wealth of experience from various fields including Education, Psychology & Mindfulness-Based Approaches, Social Work & Youth Justice, Accountancy, Business and Social Enterprise. We boast a cadre of experienced school leaders and managers who are experts in education, training, social care and psychological and therapeutic services.

Our specialised departments and professionals include:

- SEND Department: Staffed with highly experienced and qualified SENCOs, deputy SENCOs and SEND administration management,
- Teaching Department: lead teachers, senior teachers and broad range of subject teachers.
- Vocational Skills Tutors: Offering expertise in various trades and professions.
- Sports & Fitness Coaches: Fostering physical education and well-being.
- School Social Worker: leading and supporting student voice, safeguarding, early help, and providing student welfare and social support within the educational environment.
- Trauma and Mental Health Informed Practitioners: Providing psychological and social support for our students with complex psychological needs related to adverse child experiences and ongoing emotional and psychological difficulties.
- Thrive Practitioners: Promoting emotional and social development to promote learning.
- Pastoral Professionals including our youth champions (pastoral practitioners): Ensuring the welfare and personal development of our students.
- HLTAs, TAs, and Intervention and Learning Support Workers: Assisting in educational delivery and student support.

Collaborations and contracted services:

Beyond our internal team, we have established collaborations and contracted services with leading entities in education, health and therapeutic psychology to deliver:

- Clinical Assessment & Intervention
- Plans, Reports & Review
- Professional Consultations
- Solution Circles
- CPD for Our Whole School Team

Our psychology assessment & diagnostic services & intervention providers:

- Horizon Psychology: HCPC-registered practitioner psychologists offering clinical supervision, health and therapeutic planning, compassion-focused therapies, training, assessing and monitoring progress.
- Re-Connect Now: Specialists in psychological therapies such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Person-Centred Therapy, Integrative Psychotherapy, Play and Art Therapies.
- Foxfield Riding Centre & Eqwise Riding School: Providing therapeutic horse riding, equine therapy and animal care.
- Ladywood Outreach Services: Delivering CELF sessions, ADHD and BSCIP observations and write-ups, SPLD assessments and access arrangements.
- Bolton MBC Education Psychology Services: Expertise in assessment and plans, consultation and training and support.

Together we offer wrap-around care, education and support to our students, their parents and carers. This comprehensive holistic package aims to meet their diverse needs and promote overall health, education, personal development and wellbeing.

Our Holistic Curriculum

- Circle Time (extended daily form time – settling the amygdala/ready to learn/gaining support), Nurture, Mindfulness, Zones of regulation and Votes for schools
- Assembly, SMSC/SEAL themes, and votes for schools

- Maths
- English
- ICT
- Science
- PSHE
- Global Understanding
- Arts Award

- Outdoor Education
- Health & Fitness including:
 - Gym – cardio, circuits and resistance training
 - Athletics
 - Bat and Ball Games including football, Rugby, Basketball, Cricket & Rounders
 - Boxing
 - Biking and BMXing
 - Climbing wall

- Personal Development & Independent living

- Mindfulness-based programmes (Mindfulness in Schools Project curriculums)
- Therapeutic Art and Music
- Therapeutic Dance
- Wilderness Therapy
- Equine Therapy

- Skills for Employment
- Vocational Skills including:
 - Functional skills (Literacy, Numeracy, ICT),
 - Health & Safety,
 - Construction & Environment,
 - Health & Social care,
 - Hair & Beauty, and
 - Catering & Food Safety

Benefits of Working with Raise

Time to teach

- Small class sizes & time for intensive support
- Full TA support
- Generous PPA time
- Support of our multi-disciplinary team
- Modern assessment and learning platforms



Opportunities

- Work with supportive colleagues across curriculum areas
- Develop new skills and competencies
- Access training and professional development
- Be part of our 'grow our own' talent pool



Wellbeing

- Excellent work life balance
- Early finish on Fridays
- Paid Wellbeing days
- Mindfulness-based courses
- Employment Assistance Programme (including Counselling and legal and financial advice)



Values

- Student, family, and community focus
- Strength based approaches
- Trauma and Mental Health Informed approaches
- ACE's & Attachment Aware
- Compassionate and supportive
- Restorative



Rewarding

- Making a real difference to pupils' lives
- Autonomy within your role
- Freedom to be innovative within your subject and beyond
- Supportive SLT, proprietor & governors
- Team ethos
- Competitive salary



CPD

- Supervision and appraisal (every half term)
- Consultation, support and training from health, education, and trauma psychologists and other clinical practitioners.
- Professional accredited training courses
- Unique in house training and coaching from highly experienced industry professionals and leaders





