

Headteacher

Full-time, Permanent

Pay range – Leadership Range Point 6-18

Required start date – 1st September 2026



Manuden Primary School is a small school with big ideas. Our vision - *"Growing Hearts, Growing Minds, Growing Dreams"* - sits at the centre of everything we do. We are seeking a Headteacher who shares this moral purpose and is passionate about building on the strong foundations already in place, continuing our journey of improvement with energy, clarity and ambition.

This role requires a leader who understands both the rewards and the unique challenges of small school leadership: someone who can balance strategic oversight with day-to-day operational demands, nurture strong relationships within a close-knit community, and inspire a committed staff team to achieve excellence for every child.

The children at Manuden are exceptional and they are keen and enthusiastic learners. They 'behave really well' and 'are incredibly respectful to each other' (Ofsted 2023). The successful candidate will be supported by a wonderful staff team, experienced governors and great parents who all work together to make Manuden such a special place to work and learn.

Visits to the school are strongly advised and warmly welcomed. They provide an invaluable opportunity to experience first-hand the ethos, values and aspirations that make Manuden such a special place to learn and grow.

For more information about the role and to arrange a visit please contact the School Office on 01279 813370 or email office@manuden.essex.sch.uk.

We are committed to safeguarding and all applicants for this post must be willing to undergo appropriate safer recruitment checks including reference checks with previous employers and a DBS check with the Disclosure & Barring Service.

Applications deadline: Friday 13th March 2026 at midday

Interviews held: Monday 23rd March 2026