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May 2022

Dear Colleague,

Assistant Headteacher Recruitment

Thank you for your interest in Meridian. This letter aims to tell you a little about our school, what we are looking for and why you may want to apply!

Due to the recent retirement of a senior leader, we are looking for an Assistant Headteacher to join our senior leadership team in September 2022. The successful candidate will lead inclusion across the school and make a real difference to our children. A vibrant, creative and outward facing one-form entry school, Meridian offers a fantastic opportunity for someone to really develop their leadership potential. If you are an excellent teacher who is passionate about inclusion and has the leadership skills to inspire and develop others, we would love to hear from you.

Meridian is an inclusive, collaborative learning community with strong values. Our children come from richly diverse backgrounds with at least 35 languages spoken and our intake is complemented by a designated special provision (DSP) for up to 18 deaf children. We follow an aural/oral approach to communication and deaf awareness training is provided.

We believe positive relationships and a caring ethos are the basis for great learning. We work hard to know all of our families from Nursery to Year 6 well. We have high aspirations for each and every child and seek new and innovative ways to accelerate their progress. Our committed staff team have responded with resilience and creativity to the recent challenges raised by the pandemic.

Nestled between the Royal Park and the River Thames, Meridian is uniquely placed to make learning exciting, fun and relevant. The Meridian Line runs through the very centre of our school and from our rooftop Arts studio children have the privilege of learning in view of Greenwich's World Heritage site. We continue to harness the many resources on our doorstep and build mutually beneficial community partnerships. We are committed to the arts and sports and to providing a creative curriculum with purposeful learning opportunities.

Working in close partnership with me and the Deputy Head, and in collaboration with our SENCo and Lead ToD, the successful candidate will lead inclusion across the school. The post will involve a teaching commitment and dedicated leadership time to be agreed. We are looking for someone who can maintain a strategic overview, see what needs to be done and have the determination and skills to make it happen. In return, there will be an investment in the professional development of our new Assistant Head. This will include opportunities to work alongside other leaders within our school and alongside colleagues from our cluster of local nursery, primary, secondary and special needs settings - the GCSP (Greenwich Community Schools Partnership). Meridian is also a member of the National College and the PTI (Princes Trust Institute), and our teachers have access to high quality face-to-face and virtual training.

If you would like to find out more about our school or the post, please do not hesitate to contact me - I am passionate about our school and its future and always happy to talk! Visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

Kind regards,
Jo Graham
Headteacher

Please send your application and supporting statement via email or post, to arrive no later than 9am on Friday 20th May 2022 to:

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Interviews will take place in the week beginning Monday 23rd May.