



Nexus Educational Schools Trust

Class Teacher

Pickhurst Infant Academy



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Pickhurst Infant Academy are recruiting a **Class Teacher** to provide for the educational, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development for each individual child in their class and to support the overall development of the school.

Salary	Main pay scale (Outer London).
Location	Pickhurst Infant Academy Pickhurst Lane West Wickham BR4 0HL Tel: 020 8462 3196 www.pickhurst-inf.bromley.sch.uk
Hours	Part-time, 3 days a week
Reports to	Headteacher or line manager
Start Date	January 2025
Closing Date	Midday on Thursday 16 January 2025
Interview Date	From Monday 20 January 2025

Pickhurst Infant Academy is based in a leafy part of West Wickham, in the London Borough of Bromley. It is a four-form entry Infant school with a strong community feel and passionate staff who ensure that every child's needs are met through high quality, personalised teaching and learning. In January 2022, Pickhurst was graded 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted.

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. The school is surrounded by extensive, well-maintained grounds, its very own Forest School, allotments, pond and sensory garden. Reception and Year 1 have very well-resourced outdoor classrooms which are used daily. Our sensory and nurture rooms are spaces carefully designed to support children's emotional regulation. Our school therapy dog, Bruno, is always on standby to lend a helping paw too.

There is no doubt that the children, teachers, staff team and Local Committee members pride themselves on the achievements of the school and all work hard to maintain very high standards and the school's strong reputation.

Children love learning at Pickhurst. Our school performs above the national average for overall education attainment. We excel in providing a stimulating learning environment for our children and there are many enrichment-based activities such as an extensive offer of after school clubs, visits by experts into school, outdoor learning experiences and high quality, tailored provision to stretch and challenge all of our learners.

Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST) is a growing Multi Academy Trust, presently with 20 primary schools across of Bromley, Kent, Lewisham and Southwark. Our schools have benefited from capital investment over the last five years and provide excellent learning opportunities for our pupils.

NEST is an exceptional and distinctive learning community of eleven primary schools where there is a **focus upon learning**.

At NEST our commitment to the learning process challenges all of our schools to fully endorse the concept of collaborative learning. Just as our commitment to inclusion is a non-negotiable so too is each school's contribution to inter-school learning and the development of a NEST wide professional learning community.

As a class teacher you will join a team committed to the principle:

“We have a moral purpose to provide excellence and opportunity for all, to enable lives to be transformed”.

Nexus Education Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS clearance.

We are seeking teachers who:

- Have in-depth understanding of excellent teaching
- Are reflective and keen to develop their practice
- Are enthusiastic and highly motivated
- Are committed to teamwork
- Believe in developing the whole child
- Are keen to use CPD to move their practice forward

The successful candidate will be:-

- Degree educated
- Have QTS and have relevant primary experience
- Self-motivated and an excellent communicator
- Ready to continue learning

We can offer:

- Positive schools that are open to new ideas and keen to develop further
- Happy, friendly and motivated children
- Inclusive schools where achievement is celebrated
- Supportive staff, parents and governors
- A commitment to staff development
- Opportunities to work closely alongside other schools in the Trust
- Appropriate resources, environment and support
- Opportunities for continuing professional development
- Strong school partnerships within NEST
- Employee benefits including BHN Extras and Blue Light Card

Applications should be received by Lucy Norton at office@pickhurst-inf.bromley.sch.uk no later than 12 noon on 16 January 2025.

Information on our schools can be found on their websites and on www.nestschools.org

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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in this role within **Nexus Education Schools Trust**.

This is a hugely exciting time for our schools as the Trust now includes:-

Beckenham/Bromley

Alexandra Infant School
Alexandra Junior School
Balgowan Primary School
Bickley Primary School
Highfield Infants' School
Highfield Junior School
Pickhurst Infant Academy
Worsley Bridge Primary School

Orpington/Kent

Farnborough Primary School
Marjorie McClure School
Manor Oak Primary School
Perry Hall Primary School
Joydens Wood Infant School
Joydens Wood Junior School

Lewisham/Southwark

Childeric Primary School
Goose Green Primary School
John Donne Primary School
John Keats Primary School
Dog Kennel Hill Primary School
Rotherhithe Primary School

NEST Nurseries

Thames South Teaching School Hub

All schools are judged to be good or outstanding, have strong leadership and provide a breadth of opportunities and excellent outcomes for all pupils. Our vision is to enable individual academies to flourish with real autonomy, whilst also ensuring a strong ethos of support and collaboration across schools.

Nexus Education Schools Trust believe that all decisions and choices should be child centred. We aim to:

- nurture every individual,
- provide excellent education outcomes,
- enable all to succeed and
- transform the life opportunities and aspirations of our pupils, allowing them to be fulfilled individuals within an ever-changing world.

As an organisation we recognise that each school's community is different. We value this uniqueness and contribution in ensuring pupils have the best education and experiences. Each school is fundamental to the success of the organisation. We believe passionately that together we can make a greater difference; providing higher education outcomes and wider opportunities for our pupils as well as greater prospects for our staff and communities.

The Trust provides a strong culture of collaboration and support, together with high expectations for staff and pupils alike. Those we recruit are able to demonstrate that they;

- share our values,
- are highly motivated to work with colleagues within and beyond their school,
- continuously develop their skills and pursue professional excellence and
- are committed to providing the highest standards and breadth of opportunity for all children.

I hope the pack encourages you to apply and look forward to receiving your application for the post.

Regards,

Paula Farrow OBE
Chief Executive Officer

Class Teacher Job Description

Main purpose of the job:

“The education and welfare of a designated class/group of pupils in accordance with the requirements of Conditions of Employment of School Teachers, having due regard to the requirements of the Primary Curriculum, the school’s aims, objectives and schemes of work, and any policies. To share in the corporate responsibility for the well-being and discipline of all pupils.”

Key responsibilities and tasks:

Planning and Teaching

- To be responsible for the classes and groups assigned to you by the Headteacher.
- To teach effectively with skill and sensitivity.
- To ensure that a high standard of education is maintained at all times and pupils engage with their learning.
- To plan, prepare and deliver learning experiences appropriate to the needs of the learners in line with the school curriculum.
- To ensure teaching is clear, effectively communicated and lessons are appropriately structured.
- To develop independent learners with positive learning attitudes and behaviours.
- To ensure that all groups of pupils have their learning needs met.
- To ensure the effective and efficient deployment of classroom support.

Classroom Management

- To ensure the classroom is a stimulating learning environment with well-presented displays and working walls linked to relevant class work.
- To promote good order and discipline in line with the school’s behaviour policy.
- To promote the general well-being of pupils and ensure that social and emotional aspects of learning are effective.
- To develop strong pastoral support for pupils.

Monitoring, Assessment and Recording

- To record, assess and evaluate each pupil’s progress in accordance with statutory requirements and school policy.
- To use data effectively to track children’s progress.
- To contribute to the annual programme of school self-evaluation.
- Moderation of learning and achievements.

Wider Professional Responsibilities

- To follow the school’s safeguarding and health and safety procedures and be fully aware of the safeguarding and health and safety policies.
- To be a role model and encourage good relationships with children, parents and colleagues.
- To supervise children out of class as required.
- To liaise effectively with stakeholders, including colleagues and parents.
- To carry out specified actions required by the priorities of the School Improvement Plan. (following ECT year)
- To undertake continual professional development to enhance your role as a teacher in the school.
- To take part in the agreed procedures for your performance management in the school and meet Teacher Standards. (performance management following ECT year)
- Working with colleagues and pupils throughout the school in the development of the curriculum.
- Lead on the development of a subject area within school. (following ECT year)
- Management of budget area when appropriate and the maintenance and allocation of resources for these areas (following ECT year).
- Leading staff workshops/seminars as appropriate.
- Liaison with advisory staff and external agencies as appropriate.

- Undertaking other reasonable and appropriate tasks as required by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

Special Conditions of Service

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974). The amendments to the Exceptions order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website. Because the post allows substantial access to children, candidates are required to comply with Trust safeguarding and DBS procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Ensure, comply and be aware of all school policies and procedures in relation to all aspects of the school's management, teaching and learning.

Contacts and Relationships

Provide the specified standard and level of service that is expected, noting and passing on any shortfalls or potential improvements.

Maintain high professional standards of attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct and positive courteous relations with pupils', parents/carers and colleagues.

Equalities

Ensure implementation of the school's equal opportunities policies and its statutory responsibility with regard to other individuals and service delivery.

Additional points:

All staff are expected to comply with academy and Trust policies. Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified. Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

The Trust will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition. The job description may be subject to amendment or modification, should circumstances change, changes will be discussed with you in the first instance. Should a disagreement arise, you will be afforded the opportunity of a meeting to resolve the matter with your line manager. You may wish to be accompanied at this meeting by a representative of your Trade Union if you so wish.

Data Protection

Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST) is committed to protecting your privacy when you apply for a position with us. It is important to us that you can trust us to keep your information safe and to use it in ways that you will think are reasonable and ethical. NEST is the data controller for the information we hold about you, this means we control how your personal information is processed and for what purposes.

For further information please refer to our Data Protection Policy <http://nestschools.org/nest-policies/>

This job description may be amended at any time after discussion with you.

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Person Specification

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The successful candidates will have:

Knowledge and Experience

- Qualified teacher status
- Be an effective teacher with recent relevant experience (teaching practice acceptable)
- Be committed to raising levels of achievement, and have high expectations of children's learning
- A good understanding of the Primary Curriculum
- Have an understanding of children's development and the way that they learn
- Have an understanding of Health and Safety and safeguarding requirements

Skills and Abilities

- Show evidence of well-developed communication skills, both written and oral, have ability to use Standard English
- Demonstrate the ability to reflect on own practice in order to impact positively on children's learning
- Be able to work effectively as a member of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate an ability to work successfully with other professionals and parents/ carers
- To effectively organise and manage classroom resources
- Use IT competently and safely for teaching and personal purposes

Personal Qualities

- Have high expectations of children and adults
- Passion for teaching and learning
- Good organisational and timekeeping skills
- Have the ability to use initiative and make decisions in collaboration with teaching colleagues
- Enthusiastic, flexible and positive about learning and teaching
- Motivated to develop own practice
- Perceptive and sensitive to the needs of others
- A good sense of humour
- Resilience

Application Process

Applications

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the Trust's Application Form.

Please complete **ALL** sections of the Application Form which are relevant to you as clearly and fully as possible. Your supporting statement should evidence your skills and experience against the requirements of the job description and person specification.

CVs will **NOT** be accepted in place of a completed Application Form.

Invite to Interview

After the closing date, short listing will be conducted by an interview panel.

Candidates selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting and full details of the interview programme will be provided. If you do not hear from us within 14 days of the closing date of this position, unfortunately you have been unsuccessful on this occasion. Please be advised that we are unable to give feedback to those who were not shortlisted for interview.

If you have been shortlisted, your references will be taken up and you will be asked to sign a self-disclosure form relating to disclosable cautions and convictions prior to interview. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974). The amendments to the Exceptions order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the job description and person specification carefully before you complete your form.

In addition to candidate's ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including:

- Motivation to work with children and young people;
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people;
- Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours; and
- Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed against the job description and person specification within the applicant brief. Successful applicants will be invited to the selection process.

We will use a variety of assessment tools during the assessment process, these may include:

- presentations
- group exercises
- written exercises
- job trials

Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy

The Trust is committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of all its pupils. Each pupil's welfare is of paramount importance. We recognise that some children may be especially vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with Special Educational Needs, those living in adverse circumstances.

Throughout any recruitment process, Safeguarding and Child Protection are given a high priority. All interview panels include at least one member who has completed Safer Recruitment training within the

last 3 years.

The Trust's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy applies to all adults, including volunteers, working in or on behalf of the Trust.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred.

School and college staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children, and prevent concerns from escalating. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)

As such, it is the duty of all who work for the Trust to:

- Ensure that a safe environment is provided for all children and young people to learn;
- Ensure all staff are capable of identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm; and
- Ensure all staff are willing to take appropriate action with the aim of making sure they are kept safe both at home and in the education setting.

The Trust pays full regard to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance 2024.

We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works for the Trust who is likely to be perceived by the children as a safe and trustworthy adult including e.g. volunteers and staff employed by contractors.

Please visit www.nestschools.org for the full policy.

Safer Recruitment & Pre-employment Checks

Nexus Education Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding children.

This means that all employees (on either a paid or voluntary basis) require an Enhanced DBS check which includes a Barred List check.

For individuals applying for leadership and management positions a S128 check will also be required. For individuals who have previously lived abroad, overseas checks will also need to be taken prior to commencing employment.

Keeping Children Safe in Education, paragraph 220 introduces a new duty to consider 'carrying out an online search as part of their due diligence on the shortlisted candidates'. Please be advised that we will carry out online searches of all shortlisted candidates and may request details of any social media handles.

New employees will not commence work until all relevant checks have been completed.

Standard Checks

All candidates invited to interview must bring the following documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK;
- Documentary evidence of identity that will satisfy DBS requirements;
- Documentary proof of current name and address;

- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing change of name;
- Documents confirming any educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post.

Please note that originals of the above are necessary, photocopies or certified copies **will not** be accepted.

Enhanced Checks

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including an enhanced check.

Accordingly, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974). The amendments to the Exceptions order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

- If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about any disciplinary offences, including those related to children or young people (whether disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings.
- If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues;
- Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children – this may only be answered 'not applicable' where your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young people.

Pre-Employment Checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

- Verification of right to work in the UK;
- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received);
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications;
- Satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check;
- Verification of professional status such as QTS Status, NPQH (where required);
- Satisfactory completion of a Health Assessment;
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period (where relevant);
- Where the successful candidate has worked, or been resident overseas for at least 12 months in the previous ten years, such checks and confirmations as may be required in accordance with statutory guidance including a statement of good conduct.

References & Verifications

We will seek references on shortlisted candidates for all positions and may approach previous employers for information to verify experience or qualifications before interview.

Any relevant issues arising from the application form, references or self-disclosure will be taken up at interview.