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Class teacher (Reception)
Part time 0.4-0.5 FTE maternity cover position
Required for September 2021

Brightwell cum Sotwell is in many ways the ideal English village. It is a peaceful place with many thatched cottages, a duck pond and the pubs halls and churches that are the hallmarks of rural life in this part of the world. It is near the historic market town of Wallingford, which is a small and traditional market town with lots of quaint buildings, situated on the banks of a particularly pretty stretch of the Thames.

Oxford is a great city to spend time in and is only about 15 miles away, as is Reading. Didcot Parkway, which is ten minutes from Brightwell, links these communities by rail. From there it is only 45 minutes to London by train. The quality of life in the area is very high indeed, being a pleasant combination of a rural setting close to such different towns, as well as the capital.

The school

Brightwell is a growing village school of just over 120 children serving a community of families that are aspirant, care about education and who bring their children up well. It is a school where really good teachers can take risks in lessons that children appreciate and make work.

Staff, both teaching and associate, are happy at Brightwell. Professional development is important to us and our programme is varied but also bespoke to support individual needs and priorities. Our annual two-day Teaching and Learning Conference is probably the highlight of this programme. Attitudes and the behaviour of our children are excellent and are frequently commented upon by visitors as being so. It is an excellent place to work and we are committed to staff wellbeing and a healthy work-life balance for all our colleagues.

We are seeking talented people, who are ambitious for the children they work with as well as themselves. We have created real excitement and a buzz about the teaching and learning to make this into the best little school around. We have an excellent reputation,

enjoying strong support from parents and children, and a strong relationship with the local community

We believe the successful applicant will look back on this as the crucial stage in a very successful career indeed. Not just a happy part of their career but the place where a small school helped develop the skills and understanding of the profession that enables them to build a very successful career in teaching.

Reasons to apply:

You are seeking a great quality of life and recognise this in our setting.

You want to be part of a growing school serving a very special community.

Your drive is delivering the best for children and a love for the profession.

You are confident in your capacity to make a difference.

You may have ambition to become a school leader.

Not for you if:

You perceive the school to be a comfortable place to work because of the setting and catchment.

You need a long time to settle before really getting down to business.

You are looking for somewhere to develop a career that has gone a little awry.

You need things to be predictable and stable week-to-week.

The role

Cover is required for two full days of teaching in our Reception class. The position is open to qualified teachers on the Main Payscale. PPA time will be allocated in a way so that there is an opportunity to meet with the job share.

General Duties

At The Merchant Taylors' Academy Trust we pride ourselves on providing a safe and happy environment where young people can flourish and we want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part in it. This job description should be read in conjunction with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the provisions of that document will apply to the post holder. Brightwell School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to DBS checks along with other relevant employment checks.

You will be expected to carry out the professional duties of a teacher as outlined in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document currently in operation, or any subsequent legislation. The performance of all the duties and responsibilities will be under the reasonable direction of the Headteacher, or other Senior Manager if appropriate, who will be mindful of his/her duty to ensure that the employee has a reasonable workload and sufficient support to carry out the duties of the post.

Further information

You will be able to contribute to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. Applicants should be aware that the Academy operates a non-smoking policy in all its establishments.

You will find many opportunities at Brightwell Primary School and we look forward to receiving your application.

Please email all completed applications to recruit@wallingfordschool.com