Ashmead Primary School

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Dear Headteacher applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at Ashmead Primary School. I am very pleased that you are considering applying to lead our lovely school. The vacancy has arisen as a result of one of our coheadteachers, Sean O'Flynn, deciding to retire at the end of the academic year after 14 years at the school.

The Governors have put together an information pack consisting of the advert (available to view on our website as well as the TES), this letter, the job description and person specification. I would ask you to also look at our website to get a flavour for the school.

We want to employ somebody who is able to build on the strengths we currently have:

- A strong school vision that the whole school community are committed to
- An effective approach to behaviour that is well supported by staff
- A brilliant staff team who are our greatest asset
- We are a well-resourced school with good facilities
- We are very accessible by train, bus or DLR on public transport
- A third consecutive 'Good' Ofsted in November 2022

Our new Headteacher should be an experienced, strong and effective leader who is both passionate and knowledgeable about teaching and who will always put the children at the centre of everything they do.

The person specification provides a more comprehensive list of the qualities we are looking for, but in essence we wish to appoint somebody with the judgement, experience and confidence to take our school forward from the strong position it is in, someone who builds on what is currently excellent and ensures we continue to improve in the years ahead.

I warmly encourage you to visit the school to see the pupils and staff at work. Please email sbm@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk to make an appointment to visit the school.

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your application by noon on the closing date of 28th February.

Yours faithfully,

Dean Johnstone (Chair of Governors)