

Dear Candidate,

Re: Headteacher Position at Branfil Primary School

Thank you for your interest in the role of Headteacher at Branfil Primary School. We are delighted to welcome applications from dedicated and inspirational leaders who are passionate about fostering a holistic and inclusive learning environment, where children thrive academically, socially, and creatively.

At Branfil, we believe in *"Everyone Learning Together."* Our commitment to nurturing the whole child goes beyond academics; we create opportunities for every child to explore, play, and develop essential personal, social, physical, and creative skills. We are proud of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Platinum Award, which recognises our outstanding approach to promoting purposeful play as a core part of the school day. Our strong play ethos enables our children to build confidence, develop resilience, and learn through exploration; qualities that we believe are foundational to their overall growth and success.

About Our School

Our school's facilities are designed to support a well-rounded education, including dedicated spaces for art, music, computing, and small-group learning, as well as a whole-school library, sports court, Forest School area, and extensive outdoor play spaces. These resources support our LEARN (Love, Explore, Aspire, Respect, Nurture) values and provide a rich environment for children to thrive, connect, and learn with joy and purpose. Visitors often remark on the welcoming atmosphere, where children are confident, kind, and eager to share their learning experiences.

Relationships with parents and carers are central to our school's approach. We work closely with families to support every child, fostering open communication and partnership.

Our Vision and Expectations

We are seeking a Headteacher who will:

- Embrace and model our core LEARN values, inspiring children, staff, and the wider community to love learning together.
- Lead a culture of inclusivity, joy, and respect, where every child feels valued and supported.
- Innovate and sustain high standards in teaching and learning, delivering a broad and balanced curriculum that equips children with the skills, confidence, and curiosity to explore the world around them.
- Champion our play-based learning ethos, recognising the importance of play as a vehicle for growth, self-expression, and resilience-building.
- Continue to build upon our strengths and enhance partnerships with families and the community.

The Governing Body is committed to providing the support and resources needed for our Headteacher to flourish, with open communication, trust, and shared aspirations for the best outcomes for our children.

How to Apply

If you share our vision for whole-child education, believe in the power of play as a foundation for learning, and are ready to lead Branfil Primary School, we encourage you to apply. Please review the attached application pack for details on the role and selection process.

We invite you to visit our school to experience the enthusiasm and pride that our pupils, staff, and community have for Branfil. To arrange a visit or discuss the position further, please contact Mrs. K. McWilliam (Chair of Governors) through the school office on 01708 225186 or via email on office@branfil.havering.sch.uk



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Thank you for considering this opportunity to join Branfil and lead us into an exciting future.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors
Branfil Primary School