



Nurture Aspiration Creativity Inclusion Equality

April 2026

Dear Colleague,

KS1 or KS2 Class Teacher - full time, permanent

Thank you for your interest in Meridian. This letter aims to tell you a little about our school and why you may want to apply for the position of KS1/KS2 class teacher to start in September 2026.

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a colleague with enthusiasm and high expectations to become part of our vibrant community, to work with our friendly and committed staff team and to make a real difference to our children. The role will involve teaching a KS1 or KS2 class depending on the candidate's skills and experience.

About our school

At Meridian, we believe positive relationships and a caring ethos are the basis for great learning. A successful one-form entry primary school, we aim to know all of our families well. Our children come from richly diverse backgrounds with over 35 languages spoken and our intake is complemented by a Local Authority Resourced Provision (LARP) for up to 12 deaf children. We follow an aural/oral approach to communication and deaf awareness training is provided. We have high aspirations for each and every child in our care and are always looking for new and innovative ways to accelerate their progress.

All our teachers (with the exception of ECTs) lead a curriculum area across the school. Whilst, primarily, we are looking for a strong teacher who shares our school values and can demonstrate our ethos, we are also interested in hearing about the curriculum interests and strengths of candidates.

Why you may want to apply

There will be a genuine commitment to your own professional development and opportunities to work alongside other teachers within our school and partnerships. A collaborative learning community, Meridian is federated with Robert Owen Nursery School and is an active member of the GCSP (Greenwich Community Schools Partnership) - a large group of maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools working together for the benefit of all Greenwich children. We are also a member of the PTI (Professional Teaching Institute), and our teachers have access to high quality face-to-face and virtual training. Currently, we are involved in research projects with Greenwich University related to Oracy and EDI, considering ways to ensure all our children have an even stronger voice and sense of belonging

Nestled between Greenwich 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. From our rooftop Arts studio, children and staff have the privilege of learning and teaching in view of Greenwich's World Heritage site! We have a very strong community ethos and enjoy a range of community partnerships.

We strive to ensure consistency and rigour in the teaching of basic skills, whilst offering a creative curriculum with purposeful learning opportunities - whether it is nurturing children's entrepreneurial skills through Maths and DT Enterprise Week, or taking a whole school trip to the Hayward Gallery as part of our Arts Festival, we love finding ways to inspire and challenge all our children from Nursery to Year 6!

Applying for this post

We welcome applications from all sections of the community, regardless of gender, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or age. Candidates should complete an application form which can be downloaded from the school website, TES or Teaching Vacancies website. CVs will not be accepted. More information can be found below.

Your personal statement can be completed on the application form or attached to it. This is your chance to show us how well you can do this job. You need to refer to all the criteria on the person specification. Just saying you can do something is not enough; we need an example. You can use examples from work, school, college, hobbies, voluntary work or daily life.

Meridian is committed to ensuring that our school community practises anti-racist behaviours and has a culture that values equality and diversity. We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. Our commitment is underpinned by robust processes and procedures that seek to minimise risk and continuously promote a culture of safeguarding amongst our workforce. All posts within the school are subject to an enhanced DBS check. An online search will be conducted on all shortlisted candidates in line with KCSIE guidelines.

If you would like to find out more about the post or the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 020 8858 3572 to arrange a time to speak with me or Siobhan Stanczyk (Acting Head of School). Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. We look forward to reading your application and to learning all about your experience, skills and curriculum interests.

Kind regards,



Jo Graham
Executive Headteacher

Sending us your application

Please email or post your application, with supporting statement to Gill Sax

Email: gsax@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk

Address: Meridian Primary School, Old Woolwich Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NY.

Shortlisting and interviews

- **The closing date is Friday 1st April at 9:00am.**
- Shortlisted candidates will be informed by telephone or email.
- Interviews will be held in school on Wednesday 6th May. As part of the interview process, shortlisted candidates will be asked to teach a lesson and complete a written task.

Important Safeguarding Information for all Applicants

Previous Employment

- In completing the enclosed application, please ensure that you provide a full history in chronological order since leaving secondary education.
- Please include periods of any post-secondary education or training.
- Include part-time and voluntary work as well as full-time employment, with start and end dates.
- Ensure you give explanations for periods not in employment, education or training, and reasons for leaving employment.
- Any employment with an Agency must show the Agency as the employer and not the school where the work was carried out.

References

- Please give the name of at least two referees as applicable to the instructions in the vacancy details, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer.
- If this employment has been within a school, this would normally be your headteacher, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- If you are not currently working with children, but have previously done so, one referee must be the most recent employer who employed you to work with children.
- References will not be accepted from relatives or from people writing solely in the capacity of friends.

Disclosure

- The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions) Order 1975 does not allow employees with access to children and young persons under the age of 18 years the right to withhold information regarding previous criminal convictions, as well as cautions, warnings, reprimands and bind-overs, for any offence (not just those involving children) which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act.

- You should disclose any previous convictions, cautions, warnings, reprimands and bind-overs.
- Failure to disclose any previous convictions, cautions, warnings, reprimands or bind-overs could result in dismissal should it be subsequently discovered.
- Any information given will be entirely confidential and will be considered only in relation to this application.

DBS and Childcare Disqualification Check

- Any offer to the successful candidate will be conditional upon an Enhanced Disclosure being obtained via the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- In addition, a childcare disqualification check will be completed. More information can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006>
- Under this legislation, a person is disqualified if they are found to have committed an offence which is included in the 2018 regulations (a 'relevant offence'). These offences are listed here:
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741597/APPENDICES-Disqualification under the childcare act stat guidance__4_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741597/APPENDICES-Disqualification_under_the_childcare_act_stat_guidance__4_.pdf)