



# Senior Early Years Practitioner Recruitment Pack

The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School  
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**Successful Learners**

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## Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying for the position of Learning Support Assistant at The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to work in a friendly and successful school, and to make a marked contribution to help shape its future and continue building on its successes.

In line with Haringey's Safer Recruitment policy, we ask that all parts of the application form are completed, and any gaps in employment history (with dates) clearly marked within Section 3.

Note that referees will be contacted, in advance, for those applicants selected for interview. Additionally, as this position involves close work with children, an enhanced DBS will be sought.

I look forward to receiving your completed application in due course. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to visit our school, whereby we can show you around and answer any questions you may have regarding the role. Please go to our website at [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com) to find out more about our school.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu | Headteacher

## **About The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School**

We are a Haringey Council Community School in Tottenham for children aged from 2 to 11. The majority of our families live locally, many in the White Hart Lane ward. We are a two-form entry primary school with a nursery that offers either 15 or 30 hours per week for children aged 2, 3 and 4.

Devonshire Hill is a successful school with a solid history of success, attaining Ofsted Good in October 2021. The staff and governors at our school are committed to providing the very best learning opportunities for children in a safe, secure and friendly community environment.

We provide very high quality education with a strong focus on teaching children key skills in English and mastery in mathematics. Alongside this, we teach an exciting curriculum including many learning opportunities to add depth and breadth to the children's experience. During your child's time at our school, alongside the full statutory curriculum, they will have the opportunity to learn to speak Mandarin, learn to play an instrument, learn to swim and to visit many places of interest, including a residential trip to Pendarren House in Wales (Year 6).

We have a strong focus on using technology as a learning tool and children have access to a range of technology, including the use of laptops and tablets. All classrooms are equipped with touchscreen interactive boards which enhance the classroom experience by enabling the full use of audio-visual resources.

We have our established 'STEAM Engine' – a dedicated classroom for Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Art & Design work. This facility is well resourced with materials, tools and technology that enable children to explore ideas and experience exciting, practical learning. We also have a dedicated Music & Performing Arts space, and a well-resourced library. The school has extensive grounds, part of which is dedicated to our Forest School site, March Wood.

The school offers a range of extra-curricular activities before school, during lunchtimes and after school.

We work in partnership with Tottenham University, Into University and the Brilliant Club. This offers our children the opportunity to visit high achieving universities and to undertake assignments and projects at a high academic level.

The school works with a range of organisations to promote careers and every year we have a work/careers week whereby every child has an opportunity to experience a range of different work places such as banks in the city, being a 'Chef' for the day, designing and running a fashion show, to what it would be like to be a Fire Fighter!

We have the highest expectations of all our children and we expect them to aim high and to achieve their full potential academically and with their personal social development both in and out of school. We have a strong belief in good behaviour and good manners with an emphasis on caring for each other and taking on responsibility, which is one of our eight House Characteristics. All staff and children from Year 1 to Year 6 are placed into one of our four 'Houses' and will be in friendly competition each week to score individual and team House points!

We want all our children to go onto secondary school ready to further develop their lifelong love of learning, with a solid foundation in the core skills enabling them to build upon these skills, and to become confident, successful and responsible citizens for the future.

Julie D'Abreu | Headteacher

# Job Advert

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<b>JOB TITLE</b>	: Senior Early Years Practitioner
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b>	: Class Teacher and Early Years Leader
<b>PAY SCALE</b>	: Scale 4 ( <i>actual pro-rated salary £21,218-£22,383</i> )
<b>TERMS</b>	: 35 hours per week, 40 weeks, fixed term until 21st July 2023

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The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School has a rare opportunity to offer a one year fixed term contract (in the first instance) for an experienced Early Years Practitioner to join our successful school. Ofsted, 'Good' in October 2022, the Ofsted report opens with, '*Pupils love to talk about why their school is such a great place to be. They jump at the chance to discuss their learning. Pupils behave really well and thrive in the school's friendly and inclusive environment*'.

We provide our youngest learners with an inspiring and innovative early years education enabling them to transition successfully into the main primary school. We believe in close working relationships with our parents/carers and pride ourselves on our inclusive, nurturing approach. We are very much looking forward to extending our services to introduce more 'stay and play' opportunities for our families, their younger children and babies.

Our nursery accepts children from age 2 in a hybrid spacious setting with our 3/4 year olds, where all the children have the opportunity to integrate as appropriate under careful adult supervision.

**We are looking for someone with a childcare qualification and preferably with at least 2 years' experience and:**

- A commitment to very high quality early years education
- The skills, knowledge and experience to support young children in a diverse, multicultural and multilingual setting.
- The ability to create a stimulating learning environment that promotes curiosity, wonder and excitement to learn.

**We can offer you:**

- A supportive dedicated team of Early Years Practitioners, a dynamic nursery teacher and an experienced Early Years Leader.
- Regular training opportunities. We are a Haringey Education Partnership (HEP) member school.
- Spacious environment with generous outdoor learning, a 'huge' field with a Forest School.
- Great transport links as we are located in Tottenham, which is also an area of significant regeneration.

We encourage you to visit our school when we reopen in September. Please contact the school to arrange.

Please visit: <https://devonshirehill.com/about-us/vacancies/> for the recruitment pack and application form.

<b>Closing date:</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 (noon)
<b>Interview date:</b>	Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Start date:</b>	As soon as possible.

**The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School is an equal opportunities employer. Our environment is diverse in character and in its student population and we aspire to reflect this diversity in our staff. We positively welcome applications from minority groups. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This is reflected in our rigorous approach to the recruitment and professional development of staff. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.**



# Job Description

**JOB TITLE** : Senior Early Years Practitioner

**RESPONSIBLE TO** : Class Teacher and Early Years Leader

**TERMS** : 35 hours per week, 40 weeks per annum

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## PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To work under the guidance of the Class Teacher and Lead for Early Years to support the delivery of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years and Foundation Stage.

## MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To support the school in providing a high quality childcare provision
2. To work as part of a multi-disciplinary team within the school
3. To supervise, manage and plan specific areas of activity as required
4. To take the lead on specific areas of responsibility and/or projects that support the development of the EYFS (e.g. lead role in parent/staff liaison, development of outdoor curriculum)
5. To make significant contributions towards planning, preparation, delivery and evaluation of learning experiences that enhance children's physical, intellectual, linguistic, emotional, social and moral development
6. To undertake observations and assessments of children's learning, play, progress and behaviour; creating and maintaining Special Books and contributing to Early Years Foundation Stage Profiles (EYFSP) using information technology as appropriate
7. To contribute to monitoring and assessment procedures by assessing children's baseline upon admission and managing on-going assessment throughout the term
8. To lead on home visits and support families through regular meetings with parents/carers to provide updates on children's progress and development needs
9. To build close relationships with a group of key children and their parents/carers, and support these children's learning needs
10. To lead daily intervention groups for targeted children as directed
11. To deliver regular carpet sessions to key children
12. To complete risk assessments for indoor and outdoor areas to ensure a safe learning environment
13. To initiate, implement, set targets and review Individual Education and Learning Plans through regular liaison with the Management and other practitioners (for SEN children this will be in collaboration with the SEND co-coordinator and parent)
14. Staff are expected to provide support for each other, cover each other's areas of work during absences, to share information and to contribute generally to the smooth running of the setting. Staff may also be required to undertake other duties within their capabilities
15. To act as a mentor to students, apprentices and volunteers on placement in the nursery, offering appropriate support as required
16. To work across the EYFS as directed.

### Please Note:

This job description is intended as a guide to the general duties and responsibilities of this post, which reasonably may vary from time to time according to the needs of the service. It does not form part of the terms and conditions of employment.

All staff in school are expected to:

- Demonstrate commitment in line with the school's high expectations
- Keep senior leaders accurately and robustly informed of the varying needs of pupils and ensuring that the well-being of pupils is paramount.
- Keep up to date with DfE and Ofsted guidance, and the school website, to accurately inform stakeholders as required.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, child protection, health and safety, whistle-blowing, security, confidentiality and data protection. Reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
- Be aware of and comply with the code of conduct, including the school's dress code.
- Give a high profile to equality of opportunity in all areas of activity, including compliance with the Equality Policy.
- Ensure compliance with the Disability Statement, including the need to notify Personnel of any changes in circumstances.
- Carry out all duties with due regard to Health and Safety Regulations. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 all staff have a duty to assure reasonable care for the Health and Safety of themselves and others affected by their acts or omissions at work and co-operate in meeting statutory requirements.
- Be aware of and comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act (DPA), which enacts the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- Respond confidently and professionally to parents/carers, visitors and colleagues at all times, using that the confidentiality of pupils, families and staff is respected.
- Identify own areas for professional development, commit to the school's ethos of educational lifelong learning and participate in the agreed scheme for staff development, training and appraisal.
- Flexibility to be able to add to the wider school day – e.g. organise and oversee interventions to support pupils to diminish any gaps in learning and to achieve age related expectations and greater depth.
- Participate actively in House activities; all staff are allocated to one of four Houses.
- Support Parent/ Staff Association activities.
- To attend local network meetings.
- To organise and lead on parent curriculum meetings/workshops.

# Person Specification

**Job title** : Senior Early Years Practitioner

**Responsible to** : Senior Leadership Team

All post-holders are expected to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities and a proven ability to work effectively in culturally and linguistically diverse classrooms. This person specification is related to the requirements of the post as determined by the job description. Short-listing is carried out on the basis of how well you meet the requirements of the person specification and you should refer to these.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<p>Hold relevant qualifications at a level equivalent to at least Level 3.</p> <p>Demonstrable levels of numeracy &amp; literacy equivalent to GCSE (A-C) or NVQ Level 2/3.</p>	<p>Graduate level with a degree preferably in a discipline associated to the post.</p>
<b>EXPERIENCE/ KNOWLEDGE</b>	<p>A minimum of two years' experience of working with children (either paid or unpaid capacity) in an education setting.</p> <p>Knowledge of the statutory framework for EYFS.</p>	<p>Evidence of specialism in specific curriculum areas or areas of particular learning.</p> <p>Understanding of effective behaviour management strategies.</p> <p>Understanding of First Aid procedures.</p> <p>Understanding of working in a community of high deprivation and unemployment.</p>
<b>SKILLS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effective oral and written communication skills.</li> <li>2. Excellent spoken English</li> <li>3. Excellent interpersonal skills both in working relationships with young children and in forming effective professional relationships with a wide range of contacts.</li> <li>4. Good organisational and exceptional time management skills.</li> <li>5. Ability to work in a fast paced environment</li> <li>6. Sound IT skills to support learning and maintain electronic information systems.</li> <li>7. A visionary thinker with a positive outlook on life who is a solution-focused, resilient person.</li> </ol>	
<b>PERSONAL QUALITIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Honesty, a good sense of humour, reliability, integrity and commitment to the success of the school.</li> <li>2. Resilience, enthusiasm, energy and vigour.</li> <li>3. Positive attitude.</li> <li>4. A sense of perspective.</li> <li>5. The ability to work under pressure and to deadlines.</li> <li>6. Sensitivity to the needs of others.</li> <li>7. Committed to safeguarding children.</li> <li>8. Good time management.</li> </ol>	



	<p>9. A strong commitment to undertake further training and development as necessary, including the pursuance of further relevant qualifications.</p>
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# **Guidance Notes to completing your application form**

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## **HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM**

The application form plays an essential part in choosing the right person for a job. It is the information contained in your application and supporting statement that will decide whether or not you are invited for an interview or to the next stage in the selection process.

### **1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

Where it says 'known as', this is for example if your official documentation shows you as 'Elizabeth', but you like to be known as 'Liz'.

### **WORKING IN THE UK**

Under the Asylum & Immigration Act 1996, you will be required to provide proof of your eligibility to work in the UK.

We always need to see original documents. You will only be able to work for us once we are sure that you are eligible to work in the UK. If you are unsure about your status, then you should contact the Home Office.

### **2 to 3. PRESENT OR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT/ PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

We need you to provide us with your complete employment history, and any gaps in your employment history of more than one month should be explained – for example, carers and childcare responsibilities. We may ask for references to cover a full five-year history, which may include time spent at school/further education. For this five-year history please provide full postal addresses, including postcodes.

If you were employed by an agency during that time we need to know the agency details and the companies that you were placed at.

If you have been self-employed during the last five years, this means that we will need to see your tax returns for that period if you are successful.

If you have been claiming benefits in the past five years we may contact the Benefits Office to verify this if you are successful.

### **4. QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING/ PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Please give details of your education, qualifications and training, starting with secondary school.

#### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

If we have requested that you have a professional qualification for this job (like QTS, HLTA status), you will need to provide us with the relevant original certificates/registration documents.

### **5. TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED IF RELEVANT**

Mention any short courses that you have attended, including dates that are particularly relevant to the job you are applying for.

### **6. SUPPORTING STATEMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS**

This section is your opportunity to tell us how you meet the criteria in the person specification. Take each relevant item and tell us about your skills, experience, knowledge and achievements.

Give specific examples of what you have done which prove your ability. If the person specification says, 'able to organise activities', you must do more than say, 'I am an organised person'. Give an example by describing something that you have done which tells us about the skills that you used and the steps that you took.

You can use examples from your home life, time spent in education, voluntary work or from your hobbies/interests if you do not have any formal experience.

## **7. REFEREES**

You should provide the names and the addresses of two people who know you and who are able to comment on your suitability for the post. One of these should be your current or most recent employer. If you are a school or college leaver, give your head-teacher's or your tutor's name. It is always advisable to make sure that your referees know you have used their names before we contact them. The appropriateness and accuracy of references will be checked. You are also advised that any previous employer may be contacted to verify the details you provide.

## **8. REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT / DECLARATION**

Please read this carefully before completion.

The DBS an Executive Agency of the Home Office, provides wider access to criminal record information through its Disclosure service. This service enables organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to make safer recruitment decisions by identifying candidates who may be unsuitable for certain work, especially that involving children or vulnerable adults. The DBS was established under Part V of the Police Act 1997 and was launched in March 2002.

Our borough's DBS & Rehabilitation of Offenders Policy is available upon request.

You can get more information about the DBS at [DBS Online](#)

Please make sure that you read and sign/positively tick the declaration.

All applicants are required to complete the online DBS form even if you do not have a criminal record.

We do not exclude people who are related to, or have a close personal relationship with our councillors, employees or school governors. We will make sure that they do not take part in the selection for this post.

## **MONITORING**

This Authority has an Equal Opportunity in Employment Policy, which we ensure that we monitor to ensure that our employees reflect the community that we serve. The information provided will be treated in strictest confidence, is never available to the recruiting manager and will only be used for monitoring purposes.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed application forms must be received by noon, **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. There are three available channels for application documents submission. Email your application form and other supporting documents to:

- [recruitment@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk) with your initial, Surname and the position you're applying for in the subject line; e.g. JBloggs – Teaching Assistant;
  - Post application form and other supporting documents to: **Headteacher, The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, Weir Hall Road, London N17 8LB**;
  - Hand deliver application form and other supporting documents to: **Headteacher, The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, Weir Hall Road, London N17 8LB**.
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# Equality Objectives Statement

**Under the Equality Act 2010, the school's general duties, with regards to equality are:**

- Eliminating discrimination.
- Fostering good relationships.
- Advancing equality of opportunity.

**We will not discriminate against, harass or victimise any pupil, prospective pupil, or other member of the school community because of their:**

- Sex.
- Age.
- Race.
- Disability.
- Religion or belief.
- Sexual orientation.
- Gender reassignment.
- Pregnancy or maternity.
- Marriage and civil partnership.

We aim to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, with special emphasis on promoting equality and diversity, and eradicating prejudicial incidents for pupils and staff. Our school is committed to not only eliminating discrimination, but also increasing understanding and appreciation for diversity.

## **Aims to eradicate discrimination**

We believe that a greater level of success from pupils and staff can be achieved by realising the uniqueness of individuals. Creating a prejudice-free environment where individuals feel confident and at ease is a commitment of the school.

**This environment will be achieved by:**

- Being respectful.
- Always treating all members of the school community fairly.
- Developing an understanding of diversity and the benefits it can have.
- Adopting an inclusive attitude.
- Adopting an inclusive curriculum that is accessible to all.
- Encouraging compassion and open-mindedness. We are committed to having a balanced and broad curriculum.

We believe that our pupils should be exposed to ideas and concepts that may challenge their understanding, to help ensure that pupils learn to become more accepting and inclusive of others. Challenging and controversial concepts will be delivered in an age appropriate way that prevents discrimination and promotes inclusive attitudes. We will also respect the right of parents to withdraw their children from certain classes which pose conflicts to their own beliefs. Dealing with prejudice. We do not tolerate any form of prejudice-related incident. Whether direct or indirect, we treat discrimination against all members of our school with the utmost seriousness. When an incident is reported, through our reporting procedure, our school will ensure appropriate action is taken and a fair resolution is put into place.

**Our pupils are taught to be:**

- Understanding of others.
- Celebratory of cultural diversity.
- Eager to reach their full potential.
- Inclusive.
- Aware of what constitutes discriminatory behaviour.

**The school's employees will not:**

- Discriminate against any member of the school community.
- Treat other members of the school community unfairly.

- The school's employee's will:
  - Promote diversity and equality.
  - Encourage and adopt an inclusive attitude.
  - Lead by example.

## Equality and dignity in the workplace

We do not discriminate against staff with regards to their:

- Age.
- Disability.
- Gender reassignment.
- Marital or civil partner status.
- Pregnancy or maternity.
- Race.
- Religion or belief.
- Sex.
- Sexual orientation.

Equality of opportunity and non-discrimination extends to the treatment of all members of the school community. All staff members are obliged to act in accordance with the school's various policies relating to equality. We will guarantee that no redundancy is the result of direct or indirect prejudice. All disciplinary procedures are non-prejudicial, whether they result in warnings, dismissal, or any other disciplinary action.

Prejudice is not tolerated and we are continuously working towards a more accepting and respectful environment for our school community. Equality permeates all school policies and practices, however, this statement operates in conjunction with the following policies in particular:

- Equality Information & Objectives Policy
- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy and Procedures
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- SEND Policy
- Family Friendly Policies
- Data Protection Policies



## Safeguarding Written Statement

The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School is a safe place for children, where our responsibilities for safeguarding children are taken seriously.

Through our curriculum we teach the children about personal safety, and how to keep themselves safe from harm.

There is a strong anti-bullying ethos evident throughout the school. We teach our children how to recognise bullying, how to keep themselves safe from bullying behaviour and how to report it. We listen to our children.

Our curriculum includes opportunities to discuss feelings and emotions, and helps children to think about their own personal safety and their rights as individuals to be kept safe from harm.

We teach our children about the uses and misuses of drugs, at an age-appropriate time and level.

Our relationships, sex health education programme teaches children about keeping themselves safe from harm, at an age appropriate level.

We have clear guidance to help children to use the Internet safely.

Our policies and agreed practices for child protection, health and safety, behaviour management, attendance and looked after children all comply with the recommendations of safeguarding children at school. We have a trained and designated child protection officer and deputy officer, and a designated governor with responsibility for child protection practices at the school.

We have policies to manage potential allegations against staff, whistleblowing and the use of physical intervention.

Our staff recruitment policies and practices are rigorous and comply with safe recruitment and selection requirements. We always pursue identity checks and qualification checks and we take up and scrutinise written references before employment.

We require evidence of enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) clearance before employing any staff, in addition to pursuing List 99 checks.

All governors, voluntary helpers, supply teachers, agency staff, and outside club and coaching staff are required to provide evidence of enhanced DBS clearance.

The governing body is regularly updated about child protection, anti-bullying and safeguarding policies and practices by the Headteacher.

It is the responsibility of every adult in the school to ensure that we maintain the highest level of awareness about possible unsafe practices and deal with any issues immediately and appropriately.

This Safeguarding Statement should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Principles;
- Health and Safety Policy;
- Online Safety Policy;
- Disclosure and Barring Services Checks Policy;
- Anti-Bullying Policy;
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy;
- Lettings Policy.
- Relationships, Sex, Health Education and Relationships Policy;
- Attendance and Truancy Policy;
- Drugs;
- Safer Recruitment Policy;
- Whistleblowing Policy;
- Pupil Behaviour and Discipline Policy;
- Staff Handbook;