



Gainsborough Primary School



## Teaching Assistant with Forest School Responsibility

Gainsborough is a one-form entry Primary School with a Preschool, Children's Centre and Additional Resource Provision specialising in SEMH needs. We are located in the heart of Hackney Wick and we are part of a Federation of seven schools called Primary Advantage. We believe our schools can gain many benefits from working collaboratively and can achieve more by working together. We have made a commitment to a shared responsibility to the wider education community, the provision of good quality education and the improvement of life chances for pupils in the community beyond that of our own schools. Teachers, support staff, school leaders and Governors have added expertise in working alongside colleagues to improve provision and outcomes for pupils.

We are seeking an experienced and highly motivated Teaching Assistant to join our team to support the school in providing the best possible standards of teaching and learning for our school community. We are seeking somebody that is passionate about both indoor and outdoor learning who would be responsible for leading our Forest School curriculum in addition to their responsibilities towards supporting teaching and learning in the classroom. The role requires someone who is passionate about children's learning and who has a rich knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn. We are looking for candidates with energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to support us in this work.

### **We can offer you:**

- *individualised programmes of learning for pupils meet academic needs*
- *fantastic professional development and tailored support programmes*
- *unique and rewarding career progression opportunities*
- *support towards initial teacher training*

### **We are looking for someone who:**

- *is passionate about children's learning, in particular have a passion for understanding additional learning needs*
- *has a rich knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn, in particular pupils with SEND*
- *is passionate about outdoor learning and has a drive to embed this into the schools curriculum and ethos*
- *is eager to expand their knowledge, skills and understanding of teaching and broaden approaches*
- *has experience of working within a school setting and managing pupil behaviour positively*
- *has experience in supporting teaching and learning on a 1:1 and small group basis*

Experience of working in a school setting is essential. If you are committed to helping children to make progress in every lesson, every day we would like to hear from you.

Visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged. For queries in regards to this post, or to return your applications, please contact our Cluster Finance and Admin Manager, Nikki Lawrence, at [finance@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:finance@gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk)

Start Date: **September 2026**  
Hours: **37.5 hours per week (8.30am to 5.00pm) Monday to Friday**  
Contract: **Term-time only**  
Closing Date: **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 9.00am**  
Interviews: **Week beginning Monday 29th June 2026**  
Scale: **5, Points 12-15. Annual pro Rata salary is £31,061-£31,768 (FTE £34,359-£35,892)**

For more information about our school, please visit our website at [www.gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk)

***Successful applicants will be required to apply for an enhanced Criminal Record Check via the DBS.***

***We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all members of staff to share this commitment.***

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St John & St James', Holy Trinity, St John the Baptist and St Matthias CE Primary Schools and Springfield, Morningside and Gainsborough Community Primary Schools.