



WILLOWCROFT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Willowcroft Community School - Teacher – Key Stage One (Year 1)

Job Advert

Name of School: Willowcroft Community School

Post Title: Teacher

Education Stage: Key Stage 1 (Year 1 Play Based Class)

Contract Type: Permanent

Working Pattern: Full time

Pay Scale: MPS (ECTs are very welcome to apply)

Closing Date: Friday 15th May 2026

Interviews: Tuesday 19th May 2026

Start Date: September 2026

Are you passionate about creating joyful, meaningful learning experiences for young children? Do you believe that curiosity, creativity, and play are powerful foundations for lifelong learning? We are seeking an enthusiastic, nurturing and reflective **Year 1 Teacher** to join our team. This is a unique opportunity to teach in a school that values **play-based learning**, child-led inquiry and holistic development, while ensuring children build the strong academic foundations they need to thrive.

We are a forward-thinking primary school where play remains central beyond the Early Years. Our Year 1 classrooms are rich in exploration, creativity and purposeful learning opportunities that support children's social, emotional, physical and academic growth. We are looking for a teacher who understands the importance of maintaining a developmentally appropriate transition from Reception into Key Stage 1.

What skills and experience we are looking for:

As our Year 1 Teacher, you will:

- Plan and deliver engaging, high-quality learning experiences through play, exploration and inquiry
- Create a warm, stimulating classroom environment where children feel safe, valued and inspired
- Support children's transition from EYFS into Year 1 in a thoughtful and developmentally appropriate way
- Build strong relationships with children, families and colleagues
- Observe children carefully and use assessment to inform next steps in learning
- Foster independence, resilience, creativity and a love of learning
- Work collaboratively as part of a committed and supportive team

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What the school offers its staff:

Joining Willowcroft Community School means having the opportunity to work in a happy, friendly school with a very supportive senior leadership team. Every day here is different, and our staff are committed to supporting each other and creating a positive working environment.

We believe in prioritising staff welfare and well-being, which is why we offer various benefits, including reduced-cost child care, higher priority for Willowcroft school admissions, and family-friendly policies.

We also value continuous professional development for our staff. As a teacher at our school, you will have access to further training within your role internally and part of our academy trust. Our Senior Leadership Team, Special Educational Needs team, and Pastoral team are always ready to listen and support you with your job.

Willowcroft Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, all candidates will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, and references will be required in line with our safeguarding policy.

If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, thrive in a collaborative environment, and want to be part of a supportive and motivated team, we would love to hear from you.

To apply, please submit your application by the closing date of Friday 15th May.

All applications must be submitted on the Willowcroft Academy Trust application form. We are unable to accept CV applications.

Application Procedure:

An application form, job description and personal specification are available on our school website, if you need any further assistance please contact Ally Lee at office.3912@willowcroft.oxon.sch.uk or call 01235 813304.

For further information please see our website <http://www.willowcroft.org.uk>

Willowcroft Community School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

