



Alderbrook
Primary School

Headteacher Application Pack



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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Head Teacher at Alderbrook Primary School.

We are a two-form intake school, serving a diverse and multicultural community in Balham.

Together with the pupils, parents and local community, we are very proud of our school and the strong reputation we have been able to build, thanks to the work of our Head Teacher and our very strong, enthusiastic and committed teaching and support staff team.

Our motto is "the best for every child, every day". We place a strong emphasis on enabling all our children to develop as happy, confident, independent learners who will contribute fully as adult citizens of the 21st century. Every one of our pupils is encouraged to have high aspirations for everything they do, and we recognise and celebrate all aspects of their achievement.

We are always looking for new ways to further inspire our pupils and to excite them about their learning. As a result, we have recently launched a new curriculum, bringing together all aspects of our childrens' education, related to one overarching theme each term. Regular visits to museums and other venues in London and further afield help to embed this learning.

As governors, and senior leaders, we recognise the vital role our teachers play in continuing to create an innovative and forward-thinking school that creates the best for our children. As a result, we invest heavily in CPD opportunities for teachers at all levels of experience, taking advantage of the many Wandsworth Training and Professional Development courses, as well as the support we receive from our Link Inspector.

In terms of location, the school is a short walking distance from Balham station, offering excellent transport links to Central London and other boroughs. In terms of facilities, we are lucky to have the use of a modern separate Early Years unit built in 2013, a large playground, an indoor swimming pool, a well-resourced library, a state-of-the-art IT suite and a wonderful roof terrace with art studio that the children all love.

If this sounds exciting and appealing to you, we would be very pleased to show you around our beautiful school and to discuss the role in more detail.

Please contact Mrs. Jane Kellock, School Business Manager, to arrange, or get in touch with me on 07846 224580.

Very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel M Lambert

Chair of Governing Board

Alderbrook website: <http://www.alderbrookprimaryschool.co.uk>



We hope you take time to browse our website, where there is full information about our school and its community. You will read our recent newsletters to parents, find information about our attainment profile, our flourishing PTA, visits that the children have made and our new integrated curriculum. There are many interactive parts to the website where you will see groups of pupils working on our new roof garden and art studio as well as PTA events.

We hope you get the impression that learning is fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils.

Our curriculum information also shows the creativity that has gone into establishing an integrated approach to learning for our pupils. When you visit, you will get a chance to see the exemplary work that is produced in our new topic-centred approach in each classroom.



We see the importance of academic achievement for all pupils but also relish the development of confidence, resilience, cooperation, thoughtfulness and kindness – ensuring children's rounded development. We are a musical school and proud of our Arts Mark award and also of our participation in a range of sporting activities across the Borough.

We work closely with our parents – from their first experiences of school to the preparation of pupils for high school transfer. Our themed open afternoons for new nursery and reception parents are wonderful with younger siblings also invited to play in our excellent early years' facilities.

We have a supportive, active and hardworking governing body – and a staff team that is excellent

We thought you might like to read the comments that parents have made about their children's experiences at Alderbrook.....

"Thank you ever so much for your hard work. It is every parent's dream to have your child love learning and you all have made this a reality. Thank you".

"My child has had an amazing first year at school, we really couldn't have dreamed for any better. She has made lovely friends and she adores her teachers. She is progressing at a fantastic rate but most of all she is so happy and her confidence is visibly growing. We love Alderbrook already!"

"My child is loving school and feels supported and loved. This reflects in her willingness to learn".

"We are delighted that our children have had such a super start to school life. Alderbrook is a fantastic community school with dedicated staff and a strong ethos for learning and the best possible outcomes for all the children. We like the diversity of the school and enjoying meeting the teaching staff and other parents.

"It is clear that good behaviour is really valued at the school. We are extremely pleased with the school. Talking to friends with children the same age, it is clear that Alderbrook is often miles ahead. The environment is nurturing, and I am amazed at the progress my children have made".

"I think the school has a wonderful staff team who are very dedicated to growing the children's learning and also think that the school's ability to adapt and grow is a great asset and it is lovely to be able to speak with teachers so easily".

"Excellent atmosphere at school which promotes and cultivates a learning culture in a fun manner. Well done to teachers and staff. Highly recommended school!"

"My child continues to blossom. She is happy, safe and supported in all aspects of learning".



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