

# Greenwich time for children

"Education has the power to change life chances. We are committed to improving outcomes for children in the borough, and to ensuring they are equipped to take up every opportunity.

"If you share our commitment to giving children the very best start in life, if you welcome challenge and want to play a critical role in shaping their futures, then join Greenwich at this exciting time."

Gillian Palmer Director of Children's Services



## A rich history, a bright future

Steeped in heritage, with a focus on the future, this is an exciting time for Greenwich. As one of the Mayor of London's priority areas for growth and regeneration, and one of the five boroughs hosting the 2012 Olympics, this is a period of unprecedented regeneration and economic growth.

With infinite opportunities ahead we want every member of our community to benefit from and play a part in our bright future. That begins now, with giving our children the best education and start in life.

## A diverse community

Greenwich is a borough with contrasting pockets of affluence and deprivation with a multicultural population. This rich cultural mix is one of our greatest assets, to be both celebrated and valued. Over 45 per cent of the school population comes from minority ethnic groups, over 32 per cent of children speak English as an additional language and more than 182 languages are spoken in family homes.

#### The best start in life

We believe that all children are entitled to a challenging and fulfilling education, to reach their potential and raise their life chances. To that end, we are dedicated to giving them the best education. With significant financial investment from Greenwich Council, we are working with our schools on an ambitious agenda of improvement, including raising standards at all key stages and improving the range and quality of 14-19 provision. By embedding high-quality teaching and learning practices and increasing consistency within and across schools, we want to make all our schools good, and our good schools even better.

#### A vibrant place to live and work

Greenwich lies on the south bank of the Thames in a world famous and picturesque location. With World Heritage sites neighbouring the O<sup>2</sup> arena, urban centres bordering open green spaces and excellent links into central London, Greenwich is a vibrant place to live and work.

# This is your opportunity to be part of a fast-paced and rapidly improving borough.