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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in Brunswick Park Primary School. I am proud to have taken on the challenges of Headship in this unique school where the commitment and determination of the staff to achieving the highest possible outcomes for our children and families is one of its greatest assets. Our children believe that where you start should not affect where you finish. They are our most valuable resource and keep us focused and driven to provide the very best in all circumstances. The school is facing the challenges of moving swiftly from RI to Good with optimism and commitment and has already made great strides. Building on the many successes of the last two years, the key now to securing a Good judgement is providing Quality First Teaching consistently. Brunswick Park has a Resource Base for children with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) with 3 places per Year Group. It also has a significant number of children with ASC who do not have a Resource Based place, and a significant number of children with complex SEND. The Resource Base and ASC Provision Lead is key in ensuring these pupils make good progress, and that teachers have the skills and confidence to bring this about.

Brunswick Park has a justified reputation for ensuring our many most vulnerable children benefit from good quality learning experiences and teaching and effective learning support. Our policies, practice, systems and structures are extremely well set up and organised. Our procedures are supported and understood by our staff and by our parents and carers. We are committed to ensuring our children with SEND and ASC continue to thrive, make good progress from their starting points and attain to the best of their ability.

Brunswick Park has an inclusive, values based ethos. Our Inclusion Team is large, including an Assistant Head Teacher (Inclusion), a full-time SENCo, an Accredited Specialist Practitioner (Dyslexia) and therapeutic provision to support children’s emotional health and wellbeing, and all staff are committed to inclusive education and value the school’s diversity. We have a dedicated school staff and we are growing our leadership capacity. The welcoming, inclusive nature of our supportive community enables everyone to feel valued and respected. Our children enjoy learning. They are motivated, work hard and behave well. If you join our team we will ensure that you are supported with ongoing professional development to equip you well for your future career and for the future of Brunswick Park.

We are supported in our aims by our parents and carers, a team of whom run the Parents’ Association The Friends of Brunswick (FoBs), who engage in a wide range of activities that build a sense of community; its motto is ‘It takes a village to raise a child’. We have a wide range of after school activities including multi sports clubs, gymnastics, football clubs, dance, drama, homework learning clubs, booster classes and a gardening club. Music is a great strength and our children love to sing with skill and gusto! They play recorders, steel pans, ukulele, keyboards, Samba and African drums. We support our families by running a well-attended Breakfast Club in association with the charity Magic Breakfast and our After School Club is run by the Ofsted Outstanding rated Play Shelter.

Our school of 525 pupils is located in an Edwardian building in Camberwell with excellent transport links – 20 minutes by bus from Waterloo and 15 from the Elephant and Castle. We have a purpose built Sports Hall and Dining Hall and parking is available on site. Most classes are small, with a maximum size of 25 pupils. We have access to a community garden and are a very short walk from Burgess Park.

The immediate area is undergoing regeneration and many new homes are being built and refurbished, enabling Brunswick to continue to grow and develop. Our teachers receive comprehensive induction, an iPad, access to the WorkLife Support Wellbeing Programme and a variety of retention incentives. We recognise the demanding nature of teaching today, but the successful candidate will enjoy a supportive and welcoming staff team and an energetic and driven governing body.

We are determined that all our children receive the best quality provision so they achieve at the highest possible levels. We have a reputation for supporting vulnerable children and those with ASC, SEND and complex needs which draws parents and carers to the school, often from a considerable distance. To understand the ethos, vibrancy and unique opportunities available at our school, a visit is highly recommended. Please make an appointment by contacting the School on

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to experience at first-hand what makes our school so special to us. I look forward to welcoming you.

Best wishes  
**Susannah Bellingham**Head Teacher