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Dear Colleague,

### **Teacher of the Deaf (ToD) Recruitment**

Thank you for your interest in Meridian. This vacancy provides a fantastic opportunity for someone with high aspirations to become part of our vibrant community; to work with our committed staff team and make a difference for our deaf children. Whether you are an experienced ToD, a ToD in training or an excellent teacher who is committed to commencing training, we would love to hear from you. This letter aims to give you a flavour of our school, what we are looking for and what we can offer a new ToD.

A one-form entry primary school, we know all of our families from Nursery to Year 6 well. We believe positive relationships and a caring ethos are the basis for great learning. We offer a creative and inclusive environment which values individuality and celebrates differences. Our children come from richly diverse backgrounds with over 30 languages spoken and our intake is complemented by a well-established and highly successful designated special provision (DSP) for 18 deaf children. We follow an auditory/oral approach to communication and our deaf children are fully integrated into all aspects of school life. We have high aspirations for each and every child at our school and seek new and innovative ways to accelerate their progress.

We are looking for an excellent teacher who is truly passionate about working with deaf children and committed to collaborative learning. The ToD position will involve teaching a small KS2 group of children in the DSP in the mornings, and collaborating with mainstream teachers to support deaf children's inclusion across the school in the afternoons. There will be a genuine commitment to your professional development and a chance for you to work with other qualified Teachers of the Deaf and professionals - both within Meridian and across other settings. For the right candidate who has not yet commenced training, we will provide ToD training.

Meridian is uniquely placed to make learning exciting, fun and relevant. Nestled between the park and the River Thames, the Meridian Line runs through the very centre of our school! From our rooftop Arts studio, children and staff have the privilege of teaching and learning in view of Greenwich's World Heritage site. We are well situated for transport links: Maze Hill train station is across the road, the DLR is a short walk away and the Jubilee Line is a short bus ride away.

If you would like to find out more about the post or the school, please do not hesitate to contact me - visits are warmly welcomed and are encouraged. Information on completing your application is included below. I look forward to hearing from you and about your experience, skills and interests.

Kind regards,

Jo Graham - Headteacher

## **Applying for this post:**

- Candidates who apply for this post should complete an application form which can be downloaded from the school website. CVs will not be accepted.
- Your personal statement can be completed on the application form or attached to it. This is your chance to tell us how well you can do this job so please refer to all the criteria (B to E) on the person specification and give examples.

## **Important Safeguarding Information for all Applicants**

### **Previous Employment**

In completing the enclosed application, please ensure that you provide a full history in chronological order since leaving secondary education, including periods of any post-secondary education or training, and part-time and voluntary work as well as full-time employment, with start and end dates, explanations for periods not in employment, education or training, and reasons for leaving employment. Any employment with an Agency must show the Agency as the employer and not the school where the work was carried out.

### **References**

Please give the name of at least two referees as applicable to the instructions in the vacancy details, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer. If this employment has been within a school, this would normally be your head teacher, unless in exceptional circumstances. If you are not currently working with children, but have previously done so, one referee must be the most recent employer who employed you to work with children. References will not be accepted from relatives or from people writing solely in the capacity of friends.

### **Disclosure**

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions) Order 1975 does not allow employees with access to children and young persons under the age of 18 years the right to withhold information regarding previous criminal convictions, as well as cautions, warnings, reprimands and bind-overs, for any offence (not just those involving children) which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act. You should disclose any previous convictions, cautions, warnings, reprimands and bind-overs. Failure to disclose any previous convictions, cautions, warnings, reprimands or bind-overs could result in dismissal should it be subsequently discovered. Any information given will be entirely confidential and will be considered only in relation to this application.

Please post or email your application with supporting statement, to arrive no later than 9am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3.30pm to:

Sharon Crawford,  
School Admin Officer,  
Meridian Primary School  
Old Woolwich Road,  
Greenwich,  
London, SE10 9NY.

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- Shortlisted candidates will be informed by telephone or email by the end of the day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Interviews will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- As part of the interview process, shortlisted candidates will be observed teaching.

If you have any queries please telephone us on: 020 8858 3572.