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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for showing an interest in the post of Class Teacher. This could be your start on an exciting journey to contribute to a growing community of passionate educators with a unique vision for its children and families.

The University of Cambridge Primary opened in September 2015, located at the heart of Eddington district. Designed by the award winning Marks Barfield Architects (designers of the London Eye), our new Free school aims to offer a unique choice for parents/carers, with strong principles described in our three pillars: inclusion, ambition and innovation.

Within a culture of trust and professionalism, we will strive to improve all that we do, underpinned by a spirit of enquiry and our virtues-based framework in which empathy, respect, trust, courage and gratitude are highly valued. In developing a curriculum, inspired by the recommendations of the Cambridge Primary Review, we will provide challenge for all with high expectations for every child.

In September 2021 we will have 600 children, 3 Reception classes, 3 Year One classes, 3 Year Two classes, 3 Year Three classes, 3 Year Four classes, 3 Year Five classes and 2 Year Six classes; we will grow to be a large primary school with the capacity for 630 pupils. As a Free School we largely follow National conditions of employment and expectations, although the unique aspects of our school (research, professional development and initial teacher training) will feature high on our priority to evaluate our impact and influence.

As you can imagine, growing a new school involves several challenges but also significant opportunities to contribute to a new school community and as the school grows, many more possibilities to grow as a school leader. Our staff need to be resilient when facing challenge and uncertainty; we strive to trust professionals to make the right decisions for their children; we encourage a solution focused attitude and expect staff to engage in discussion to critically reflect on their own practice and contribute to the wider school. It is an exciting, challenging and rewarding place to be.

Our outstanding Ofsted judgement explained the palpable sense of purpose, ambition and community. Whilst we have very high expectations we have created a working/learning environment in which challenge is embraced and compassionate support is given. Everyone, from all backgrounds is welcome; and we strive to nurture and celebrate a diverse community.

I look forward to receiving your application. Please email enquiries@universityprimaryschool.org.uk with your application.

Yours sincerely



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