

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in working at SKIPS (Sri KDU International Primary). I came to Malaysia with my family in August 2017 as the International Primary Headteacher. Prior to this, I had been a Headteacher in 3 different schools in the UK. I have been a teacher for 25 years, and sincerely say that some of the most enjoyable moments of my long career have happened here at SKIPS.

The team in SKIPS is small and hardworking. We have developed close relationships which are bound by our common interest in providing a nurturing environment for our children which enables them to become the best possible version of themselves.

SKIPS has 12 class teachers, who are all UK trained, a Deputy Headteacher and an Assistant Headteacher who are non-class based and 7 specialist language teachers for Bahasa Malayu and Mandarin. In addition to this, we also have 9 Classroom Assistants and an Admin Officer. Working within a small team means that relationships are formed quickly and every staff member has a voice. It also means that the school has a family feel where everyone knows each other; children, parents and staff alike. Parents often choose SKIPS for their child because of our family feel where their child will be treated as an individual.

All our teaching sessions are grounded by our Growth Mindset philosophy, and are under-pinned by the Learning Powered Approach. SKIPS is a wonderful place for all members of the community to explore their potential. Staff are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and try new things. Those staff aspiring to leadership have opportunities opened for them and are supported with this.

Aside of the opportunities for leadership and the benefit of working in a small team, Sri KDU International offers the unique situation for teachers of working within a 'through school' which runs from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5. As practitioners, staff have opportunities to observe classroom practice across all Key Stages and are encouraged to work together in sharing expertise and mapping the curriculum for learners. Training is often completed as a whole school and we are also fortunate to have teaching sessions delivered by Music and PE specialists who work across Primary and Secondary phases.

Please use all the information available to you when considering if SKIPS is the right place for you to take as the next step in your teaching career; the school website, our Principal's letter, our International School Facebook page. I researched the school and country significantly before joining and have not been disappointed. SKIPS is a wonderful place to work and Malaysia is a great place to live.

If I had to sum SKIPS up in one phrase it would be 'a school with a heart'. We are looking for outstanding classroom teachers who like to work hard and aspire to grow as a professionals within a family community. If this is you, I would love to read your application.

Best regards,

Mrs Katie Tomlinson

SKIPS Headteacher