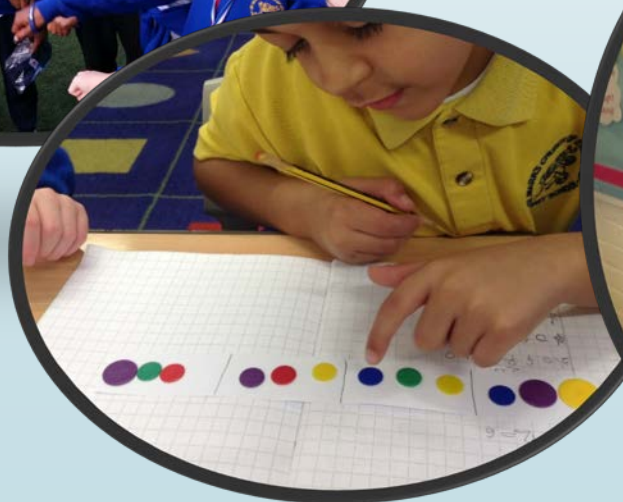




Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's Church of England Primary School:  
Application Pack- Reception Class Teacher  
December 2017



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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in our advert for the post of Class Teacher at St Mark's school. Our school is a 'Good' school with a team of amazing staff all committed to making it 'Outstanding'. The school community is looking for someone who is passionate about teaching and learning and enjoys a real challenge. You will need to demonstrate that you are an excellent practitioner who is committed to the very best outcomes for our vibrant, diverse and inclusive community.

St Mark's is a very special place and all interested parties are strongly advised to visit the school.

If after reading this you are still interested, I would love to meet you.

Kind Regards  
Martha Braithwaite



Please also visit our school website [www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk) for lots more information and photos.



## Early Year Class Teacher MPS (Reception)

Salary Grade Range: MPR 1 – 6

Salary Range: £28,660 – £39,006 per annum

Start Date: As soon as possible

### Come and join our dynamic and successful school.

St Mark's CE Primary is a thriving inner city London one form-entry school in the heart of Islington.

We are seeking to appoint an exceptional Reception Class Teacher to join our Early Years team who has the passion and energy to help drive high standards and great outcomes for all children.

#### You will need to have:

- excellent practice in the teaching of all subjects
- the ability to maximise the achievement of children
- the highest aspirations for all groups of children

#### You will be:

- a positive role model who inspires a love of learning in your pupils
- committed to making a difference within and beyond your classroom
- a strong team player who is always looking to develop your practice

We are ambitious for our children and we therefore need the right candidate to join our hard working and committed team.

#### In return we offer:

- a high level of training and support
- ambitious and outstanding teachers who can motivate and inspire
- a friendly, vibrant and supportive staff team
- an opportunity to achieve your aspirations, develop and grow
- an inspiring and creative school with a deep rooted Christian ethos

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged and can be arranged by contacting Karen Kean at the school office on 0207 272 5967.

Closing Date: **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

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# Early Years Class Teacher

## General description of the post

The holder of this post is expected to carry out the professional duties of a pre-threshold teacher as described below, as circumstances may require and in accordance with the school's policies under the direction of the Headteacher. The post-holder is required to fully support the vision, ethos and policies of the school.

## Values and behaviour

Teachers make the education of their pupils their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. Teachers act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teachers up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of their pupils.

## Achievement & Standards

To further raise standards and accelerate progress so that children are performing at least in line with national averages

To ensure mathematical, reading and writing skills are reinforced and practised regularly, particularly for those groups that we have identified as needing the most support and for children who are eligible for the pupil premium.

## Teaching & Learning

To ensure that the quality of teaching and learning is at least consistently good.

To provide additional training and support for teachers so that they have higher expectations of what more able children can achieve and ensure that challenging work is set for them.

To improve feedback given to children (and parents) so that they have a better understanding of their curriculum levels and what they need to do to reach their targets.

To ensure that the school learning environment is attractive, meaningful and fully supports children's ongoing learning and development.

## Behaviour & Safety

To support behaviour for learning so that all children understand their rights and their responsibilities as a learner.

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### Leadership & Management (Not applicable for NQTs)

To provide additional training and support material for parents so that they are better able to support their children's learning at home.

To provide more opportunities for children's opinions to be used to influence what and how they learn.

Ensuring key stage variation of performance is minimised.

Raising the quality of teaching and learning and embedding a learning culture that will enable pupils to become effective, enthusiastic, independent learners, committed to life-long learning.

### Personal and professional conduct

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:

- treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position;
- having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions;
- showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others and not undermining fundamental British values, including:
  - democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect,
  - and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;
- ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.

Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

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### Responsibilities

The post-holder is accountable to their line manager in all matters.

The appraisal process is the vehicle for determining the performance of a teacher and this assessment will directly relate to pay determination (in accordance with the school pay policy), CPD provision and career advancement (in accordance with the school CPD policy).

All appointments made, are conditional on the most recent appraisal assessment.

### Duties:

- Setting clear and challenging targets that build on prior attainment for each pupil.
- Planning and delivering high quality engaging lessons for children of all abilities
- Establishing clear targets for achievement and evaluate progress through the use of appropriate assessments and records and regular termly analysis of this data.
- Setting, tracking, evaluating and reporting on progress towards individual pupil targets.
- Giving every child the opportunity to reach their potential.
- Knows when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively.
- Has a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these.
- Demonstrates an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils' education at different stages of development.
- Has a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.
- Consistently demonstrating high expectations for every child.
- Using own practice as an example of good teaching.
- Evaluating their own teaching critically to improve effectiveness.
- Ensuring that the Headteacher, and SLT are routinely well informed about teaching plans, priorities and pupil progress toward their agreed targets.
- Managing parents and other adults in the classroom.
- Building team commitment with colleagues through collaborative planning.
- Using the community as a teaching and learning resource.
- Meeting termly with parents to discuss and review progress.
- Liaising effectively with parents and governors.

## Person Specification

### Education and Experience

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| 1 | Qualified Teacher Status, and evidence of appropriate subsequent in-service training and professional development |
| 2 | Qualified Teacher Status, and a minimum of 1 year's experience teaching 3-5 year olds                             |
| 3 | Can demonstrate excellence as a class teacher   |
| 4 | Evidence of collaborative working with both teaching and non-teaching colleagues                                  |

### Personal Qualities

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| 5  | Commitment to support the Christian ethos of the school   |
| 6  | Ability to be flexible and to work as part of a team  |
| 7  | Respect and value the views of our whole school community and have a commitment to the involvement within all school groups to help the continued improvement of the school |
| 8  | Be open, approachable and supportive to all staff, pupils and parents   |
| 9  | Highly organised, pro-active and professional at all times  |
| 10 | Have high standards and expectations of themselves, their children and their colleagues   |

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

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| 11 | Awareness of an appropriate curriculum for children 0 - 5 years particularly in terms of play, language and literacy development, personal and social and emotional development, mathematical and technological understanding and creative and physical development |
| 12 | Ability to lead in the development of curriculum policies at the direction of the Head and monitor implementation   |
| 13 | Ability to model good EYFS education practice   |
| 14 | Ability to work with parents and carers and involve them in their children's learning and the life of the school  |



## Teaching and Learning

15	Evidence of the ability to raise standards of achievement and to sustain good progress
16	Evidence of a clear understanding of the range of diverse teaching and learning styles needed to help children learn, including those with SEND, pupil premium children and those who are more able
17	Evidence of the ability to be a reflective practitioner; to adapt and be imaginative in order to meet the needs of all children
18	Ability to plan and provide a range and variety of appropriate activities and opportunities to enable children to make progress in learning
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20	An awareness of the importance of carrying out effective observation, assessment and record keeping, and ensuring that adequate records are kept of the individual children's progress, and that information is used as the basis for planning the curriculum
21	Commitment to act on advice and feedback and be open to coaching and mentoring

## Equal Opportunities

22	Evidence of a commitment to an equal opportunities policy both in service delivery and employment and an understanding of its effective operation within a school
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## Safeguarding

23	Understand the protocols and good practice with regard to safeguarding of Children.
24	Evidence of DBS clearance

# Application Process

- Candidates are asked to complete all the standard information required on the application form, and to submit a supporting statement, addressing all the criteria identified in the Person Specification.
- To apply please [click here](#) or alternatively, apply online at [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk) following the jobslink.
- Applications must be completed by midday on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**
- Shortlisting will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018** and interviews on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**
- We recommend visiting the school. If you would like to arrange an appointment to visit and to meet the Headteacher (Martha Braithwaite) please contact Karen Kean at the school office on 0207 272 5967.

We look forward to receiving your application

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