

Thames Learning Trust

Principal

Responsible to:	Chief Executive Officer
Salary	L17 – L21
Hours	Full Time

Key Priorities

The key priorities as set by the Trust for the next 12 months are to: -

- Drive up attainment across the school, to include improving levels of accelerated progress in Key Stage One and improving progress in the Early Years
- Further improve the quality of teaching, building capacity to achieve more outstanding teaching across the school

Core Purpose

The core purpose of this role is to provide professional leadership and management of the school that will promote a secure foundation from which to achieve high standards in all areas of the school's work.

To achieve success, the Principal will: -

- Effectively manage teaching and learning
- Promote excellence, equality and high expectations for all pupils and staff
- Provide vision, leadership and direction
- Evaluate school performance and identify priorities for continuous improvement
- Effectively deploy resources to achieve the school's aims
- Carry out day-to-day management, organisation and administration
- Secure the commitment of the wider community
- Create a safe and productive learning environment that is engaging and fulfilling for all pupils
- Work effectively with Thames Learning Trust
- Strengthen our parental engagement

Key Responsibilities

Strategic direction and shaping the future

- Develop the existing strategic plan identify priorities and targets and ensure that through a process of self-evaluation we are meeting our objectives
- Work with key stakeholders to maintain a shared vision and create future strategic plans which will inspire and motivate pupils, staff, parents/carers and the wider community
- Ensure that strategic planning takes account of the diversity, values and experience of the school and local community
- Keep abreast of the developments in pedagogy and be committed to cross-school collaboration and be willing

to try new approaches

- Promote the school and recent improvements and developments locally
- Build on existing community links and support community cohesiveness

Leadership

- Provide inspiration and strong leadership to the staff team to ensure that the school continues to deliver the highest standards of learning across the board
- Ensure the school's vision is clearly articulated, understood and acted upon effectively by all
- Lead by example and embody the school's vision for the pupils, staff, Trustees and parents/carers of the school
- Keep staff, parents/carers, Trustees and the local community informed of progress and key developments

Learning and teaching

- Continue to raise the quality of teaching and learning within a high expectation learning culture
- Maintain a consistent and continuous school-wide focus on pupil's achievement using data, benchmarks and feedback to monitor progress in every child's learning
- Create a culture and ethos of challenge and support where all pupils can achieve success and become engaged in their own learning
- Assess, monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching standards and the delivery of the curriculum across the board in order to build on success and identify and act on areas for improvement
- Demonstrate and articulate high expectations and set challenging targets for the whole school community
- Maintain and develop our creative curriculum and enrichment activities
- Self-evaluate to ensure that the school continues to develop a holistic approach to developing its pupils
- Ensure that parents are appropriately engaged and include in their children's development

Staff management and development

- Develop effective relationships and communications which underpin a professional learning community enabling everyone in the school to achieve
- Create an organisational structure which reflects the school's values and enable management systems, structures and processes to work effectively in line with key priorities
- Ensure effective planning, allocation, support and evaluation of work, ensuring clear delegation of tasks and devolution of responsibilities
- Provide opportunities for growth and continuing professional development of the teaching team by creating an inspiring, professional work environment and modelling behaviour consistent with the school's values and aspirations
- Ensure that staff receive regular performance reviews and have individual professional development plans to address skills gaps
- Put in place effective team communication mechanisms to ensure that all staff are involved in the school development plan and kept informed of key priorities and developments
- Recruit and retain a high-quality leadership and teaching team and deploy staff effectively in order to improve the quality of education
- Ensure that staff wellbeing is emphasised as part of recruitment and retention

Organisation-managing systems and resources

- Provide effective organisation and leadership of the school and seek ways of improving organisational structures and functions based on rigorous self-evaluation
- Use and integrate a range of technologies effectively and efficiently to manage the school

- Manage and organise accommodation efficiently and effectively to ensure that all school buildings meet the needs of the curriculum and health and safety regulations

Accountability

- Ensure individual staff accountabilities are clearly defined, understood and agreed and are subject to rigorous review and evaluation
- Create and develop an organisation in which all staff recognise that they are accountable for the success of the school
- Present a coherent and accurate account of the school's performance in a form appropriate to a range of audiences, including parents/carers and the local community
- Ensure that parents/carers and pupils are well informed about the school's direction, priorities, curriculum and pupil's attainment and progress
- Combine the outcome of regular school self-evaluation with external evaluations in order to develop the school

Community

- Create and maintain effective partnerships with parents/carers to support and improve pupil's achievements and personal development
- Build on existing links with other schools so that we can ensure that our pupils are fully ready to manage and experience as smooth a transition as possible
- Build a school culture that takes account of the richness and diversity within the school community
- Actively promote the school as a centre of excellence for education and families in the local community