



Riverley Primary School

Job Application Pack



Riverley Primary School – Teacher of Music

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Welcome to Riverley Family



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Riverley Primary School. This pack is designed to give you more information about our school and the post you are interested in and we hope that we are able to convey the qualities that make Riverley an exceptional place, not only for our pupils, but also for our staff that work hard to create a safe, warm and happy environment for all of our family.

At Riverley we endeavour to provide the finest educational experience for every single child at our inspirational and thriving school. Our holistic and well-rounded approach towards education provides an exceptional foundation for life-long learning, and we ensure that each child has the opportunity to grow in self-confidence, academic success and artistic endeavours. We do this through providing a rigorous curriculum, opportunities for wide-ranging extracurricular provision and ensuring learner-centred lessons.

As a Griffin school with multiple external partnerships across the country, we have an embedded culture of innovation, aspiration and dedication; this is continually driven by: our passionate and dedicated staff, our ambitious and committed pupils, and all those within our local community.

Life at Riverley is an engaging learning journey from Nursery through to Year 6; the experiences gained providing a lasting value. Children understand what it means to be a 'Riverley child' and how they are a part of the Trusts wider 'Griffin family'. Riverley is a happy school where our pupils feel a sense of belonging and pride, show respect for all and always aim to be the very best they can be.

Our wide, varied and rich provision enable the teachers to know their pupils, their unique strengths and the avenues in which to enable each pupil to reach their full potential.

We hope that on reading our application pack, we are able to convey a sense of the school's spirit and warmth. Naturally if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email (lewis.delivett@griffinschooltrust.org) or by phone (0208 259 4535). Alternatively, you would be warmly welcomed to Riverley if you wished to visit prior to applying. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the time and thought that we recognise goes into preparing a job application.

If you wish to apply for this post please email your CV and a cover letter outlining your experience and suitability for this position to lewis.delivett@griffinschooltrust.org

With very best wishes

Gemma Sant
Head of School

Music at Riverley



Music is an integral part of a Riverley child's education both within the taught curriculum and as part of an extensive enrichment offering.

Placed at the heart of the school building, music is central to the life of Riverley, from singing together each week during our whole school singing assemblies through to our winter and spring recitals. As well as this we also offer an array of ensemble groups – both instrumental and vocal.

Music is taught discretely to all of our children from EYFS through to Year 6. All children learn to play a musical instrument alongside the principles of composition, music theory and understanding of different musical genres. We also want children to understand how digital technology can be used to enable music making.

In Year 2 our children begin with learning the recorder, then on to the ukulele in year 3. In Year 4 students then learn the violin that is taught through our local hub, **Waltham Forest Music Service**. In year 5 and 6 children can choose to learn the violin, cello, clarinet, flute, trumpet or trombone.

At Riverley we are proud to offer free instrumental tuition to all of our students, as we strongly believe that all children should have access to a high quality music education regardless of their background.

Our school's Proud Traditions are strongly led by music and are key celebration points during the school year from our stunning **Carols by Candlelight**, to our annual **Founders Day Big Sing** and **The Griffin Arts Festival**.



Through our external arts partnerships and Trust led projects we are able to offer our students high quality, inspirational and aspirational experiences that truly widen their horizons. Students who demonstrate excellence in singing are invited to join the **Griffin Children's Chorus**, who perform once a year at St Giles Church in the Barbican. Soloist musicians are encouraged to enter the newly founded **Griffin Music Medal** and join the **Riverley Chamber Orchestra**. Through our partnership with the **Royal Over-Seas League** we have twinned our music room with a school in Kenya and had the opportunity to work alongside many excellent ensembles including **Ferio Saxophone Quartet** and more recently **Kabantu** and the **Britten Sinfonia**.

Ultimately, we wish for all our children to develop a love for music in all its variety of forms and have the scope to perform regularly, whether individually or as part of a group. We want to be wholly inclusive and encouraging of all musical skill levels and where children demonstrate high skill levels relative to their age, we also want to ensure they have the opportunity to excel.

Griffin Schools Trust

Proud Traditions | Wide Horizons | High Achievement

The Griffin Schools Trust is a family of primary and secondary schools in the Midlands and the South East of England. Firmly rooted in their local communities, schools provide access to the very highest quality education, often associated with the selective or independent sector, for all pupils.

All schools provide a rich programme of free extra-curricular activities, create an involving and stimulating physical environment and build a staff team of interesting people who are motivated to advance their own knowledge and skills as well as their pupils' achievement.

Each school balances the three dimensions of school life, as expressed in the Trust motto, always associated with the very best maintained and independent schools: a strong pastoral system which ensures each child is known and understood, the broadest provision that widens minds and opportunities and the highest standards of achievement both inside and outside of the classroom.



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Willow Brook

Job Description

Teacher of Music (Full time/part time)

Accountable to: The Director of Music & Head of School

Riverley Primary School joined the Griffin Schools Trust in 2013 and has become the centre of excellence for music within the Trust. With a dedicated music room in the heart of the building we have 2 upright pianos, 1 Clavinova and one full size stage piano. Working alongside the Director of Music for the Trust, who is based at Riverley, you will also work with our visiting music teachers from Waltham Forest Music Service. We are proud to offer free instrumental tuition to our pupils and have an 80% optional uptake of tuition in year 5. The appointed teacher will be responsible for our KS1 and Ks2 choirs along with our small chamber choir who are members of the Griffin Children's Chorus. Other ensembles include a steel pan group, a brass ensemble, and a small chamber orchestra.

The school is looking to appoint a first class musician and exceptional practitioner who will teach across the age ranges from EYFS to year 6. Music Technology is a developing area at Riverley and features in the year 6 music curriculum, so an expertise/interest in this area would be an advantage. The school has just purchased 15 ipads therefore and understanding of Garageband and other suitable music based apps would also be desirable.

The successful candidate will be an excellent instrumentalist with strong piano/accompanying skills. They will also have and a solid understanding and experience of choral work and children's voices. They will teach a number of individual pupils as part of his/her weekly timetable and coordinate the timetables and oversee the work of our visiting peripatetic teachers.

Duties and responsibilities

- Teaching and learning. Responsibility for the delivery of an outstanding Music Curriculum from EYFS to Year 6 as agreed with the Director of Music.
- Undertake an agreed number of individuals for teaching within the candidate's particular strengths.
- Delivering weekly, whole school singing assemblies.
- Assuming responsibility for extra-curricular ensembles as well as assisting other musical groups as required by the Director of Music.
- Composing and writing reports on each child taught both individually and in class.
- Playing in assemblies, recitals and concerts when necessary.
- Organising, attending and accompanying to the regular Pupils' Concerts.
- Helping with musical productions put on by the school.
- Attending regular Department staff meetings.
- Attending staff briefings, CPD sessions and Inset days as required by the Head.
- Promoting Riverley Music Department and the Griffin Schools Trust within the school and on a wider national front.
- Managing the stock of instruments and resources within the department.
- Liaising with and supporting the work of the visiting instrumental staff.
- All staff will have to do their share of general school duties as required by the Head.