

HANDCROSS PARK



A BRIGHTON COLLEGE SCHOOL

Post: Reception Class Teacher

Responsible to: The Head of Pre-Prep

To be an inspirational and committed Reception Teacher in our friendly and highly professional team. The successful applicant must have a passion for child led learning and delivering a creative curriculum that captures essential life skills within the EYFS. The right candidate must be highly motivated, possess exceptional organisational and communication skills, work well with colleagues and have the ambition to contribute to one of the leading independent schools in Sussex. Leadership opportunities within our Early Years are also available to the right candidate.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Innovative, creative and engaging teaching and learning
- Delivery of high quality and effective EYFS provision in all curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- To continually assess and record progress, using this to inform and plan for future learning for every child.
- To maintain high expectations for pupil behaviour; establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well-focused teaching and positive, productive relationships.
- To share in the corporate responsibility of the pastoral care, well-being and discipline of all pupils.
- To maintain high levels of presentation and communication with parents.
- To celebrate pupils' work through displays in both the classroom and around the school, regularly update displays and contribute to social media.
- To comply with, and adhere to, agreed whole school policies and the ethos of the school and contribute to their development.
- To critically evaluate own teaching for ongoing effectiveness and improvement; keeping up-to-date with subject development and to identify and take part in relevant CPD for this purpose.

Essential Criteria:

- Education to first degree (or equivalent certification) in relevant subjects.
- Qualified teacher status or equivalent qualification.
- Experience and commitment to learning and development in Early Years
- Innovative and creative with experience of themed teaching approaches following the children's interests.
- Ability to demonstrate 'Excellent' classroom practice.
- Experience and a passion for outdoor learning
- Can work collaboratively and supportively with colleagues within school and other organisations.
- Experience of effective use of ICT to enhance learning in day-to-day teaching (inc. Online Learning Journals such as Tapestry)
- To have and nurture excellent effective and professional relationships with pupils, staff and parents.
- Effective management of commitments and responsibilities.

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- Desire to be part of an outstanding team.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The postholder will be expected to commit to the following;

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people for whom you are responsible, and with whom you come into contact.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with pupil needs as appropriate during the school day.
- Up to date knowledge of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with, and the protection of, young people.

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons' for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school s/he must report any concerns to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, or to the Headmaster.

The postholder will be required to provide an enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

- To share any specific areas of expertise which would be beneficial towards the running or development of the school.
- To be an active member of the staff room.
- To participate in the general day to day activities of the school as a whole and undertake a share of staff duties. All staff are expected to attend assemblies, whole school staff meetings, parents' evenings, Open Days and INSET days as required by the Headmaster.
- To carry out such other duties as are reasonably assigned by the Headmaster.

Applications

A brief letter of application, a completed and signed application form, should be addressed to the Head of Pre Prep, Jason Gayler, as soon as possible.

If you would like to know please contact Jason Gayler on 01444 400526 or on email – jgayler@handxpark.com

Details of the post and application forms are available on the school web site – www.handcrossparkschool.co.uk or from the Bursar's Assistant, Mrs Lynne Adsett-Knutsen - ladsettknutsen@handxpark.com Tel : 01444 400526.

Other:

- During term time lunch is provided and Supper if evening duties are required.
- Contributory pension scheme.

About the School

Handcross Park is a thriving, co-educational day and boarding prep school located near the A23 in West Sussex. It is forward thinking and innovative as well as being a Google teaching school. The pupils are fully engaged in the teaching and learning process. The school is also a member of the Brighton College Family of Schools and takes children from the age of two and prepares them for Common Entrance and Scholarships at Year 8 (13 years of age). Our pupils leave after Year 8 and attend Brighton College and other top senior schools in the country

The School is set in 50 acres of stunning woodland and grounds, and presents a marvellous working environment. It has charitable status and there is a board of Governors. A number of exciting developments are being planned, which is attracting a great deal of interest from prospective parents. The Headmaster, Richard Brown, arrived in September 2016 and is leading the school through this exciting transition. We follow a Monday to Friday teaching routine, with full boarders staying for an activities programme during the weekends. We operate one Saturday Open Morning a term, but also provide representation at the Brighton College Open Mornings for potential boarders in Years 7 and 8.

We are exceptionally well resourced with our own All Weather pitch, sports hall , indoor swimming pool, ICT suite, stand-alone music department, specialist teaching classrooms, boarding house, stand-alone Pre-Prep and extensive grounds.