



Wolvercote Primary School

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Dear Prospective Candidate,

RE: Teaching assistant post

Thank you for your interest in the teaching assistant post at Wolvercote Primary School.

We encourage and welcome visits to the school from potential candidates. This provides us with a chance to talk more informally and also for you to get a sense of the atmosphere and values of the school. In a visit to the school, we would hope that the energy and excitement for learning would come across, the team spirit and supportive atmosphere of the staff, and the commitment to do the best we can for the children in our care. We value all staff development and take care to provide opportunities for learning and leadership within the school and the Trust. We are committed to supporting teacher / TA workload and are always looking at ways to help staff to maintain a healthy balance in their lives.

This position will be in Reception, KS1 or KS2 (dependent on the candidate's experience and interests.) The role will involve 1-1 support for children with SEND; training will be provided for this. It is a temporary position until August 31st 2020, starting on 7th January, or earlier if the successful candidate is available. The post is advertised as lunch time cover and afternoons in class, however there are opportunities for additional hours. These can be through some flexible hours in the mornings, and after school club sessions up until 6.00pm. We are open to discussing what works best for the candidate.

The school enjoys the unique mix of a vibrant village community whilst being situated in North Oxford with all the opportunities the city can offer. We value outdoor creative learning and regularly visit the local woods for Forest School, Port Meadow and the Oxford museums. We have a strong values based ethos and aim to create a happy and supportive environment for all. Music and the Arts feature strongly in the school. The school choirs have performed in a number of venues and the 'School of Rock' has played in a recording studio.

In November 2015 the school converted to an Academy and joined the River Learning Trust. You can find out more information about the River Learning Trust by visiting <http://www.riverlearningtrust.org/>. Wolvercote School is enjoying the opportunities of working more closely with a diverse range of schools which is of benefit to both our staff and children.

Wolvercote School is popular and oversubscribed; to help accommodate for the increased need for places, our admission number has been changed to 45 children. The school has undergone a large expansion and refurbishment. The outside area has had significant improvements made with a Multi-Use Games Area, new climbing equipment and a climbing boulder.

If you are an experienced teaching assistant or just starting out in a career in schools, we would love to hear from you. The school is committed to providing opportunities for staff development and we encourage staff to gain new training and experiences. Wolvercote School is an energetic and fun place to work; staff support each other and strive to provide the very best education we can for the children. Parents and governors are very involved and supportive of the school.

We are seeking candidates who are excited by, and relish the prospect of, working in a school such as ours.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Young (Headteacher)

