



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Children's Centre

Manor Grove, London, SE15 1EF

23rd January 2018

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in being our Head of School.

Pilgrims' Way Primary School and Children's Centre is situated in a multicultural and multilingual area where there is a high level of socio-economic disadvantage. We like to think of ourselves as an oasis just moments away from the hub-bub of the Old Kent Road. For many of the children who come to Pilgrims' Way, the quality of education and support they receive will have a far greater impact on their future life choices, than the majority of other children who perhaps have less stressful family and home circumstances.

Our children are exceptionally well behaved, happy and have a positive and purposeful attitude to their learning. Many arrive into Early Years with low levels of communication and social skills and many of our pupils are entitled to free school meals. We have very high expectations of our pupils and accelerated progress across all year groups is the norm. Our parents are supportive and we have introduced a structured parent partnership programme to enable them to develop their support for their children's learning at home.

The Children's Centre works with some of the most hard to reach and vulnerable families in the area.

The current priorities for Pilgrims' Way are:

- Consistent rates of progress and attainment across all year groups
- Improve the quality, and accelerate progress, of children's writing throughout the school
- The quality of teaching to be consistently good with at least 40% of lessons being outstanding
- Develop the work of the children's centres to maximise impacts

Our aspiration is to be judged an "Outstanding" school by Ofsted at our next inspection anticipated any time from June 2018. We have a very able and committed team of teachers and staff who are focussed on producing consistently more outstanding lessons.

Further information, including recent newsletters, is also available on our web site:

<http://pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk/>

Informal Visits - The best way to find out more, as you know, is to come and visit. We would welcome the opportunity to tell you about what is happening and for you to

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Executive Headteacher: Gregory Doey

Head of School: Alex Turnbull

Assistant Headteacher: Helen Jones

Assistant Headteacher: Jack Taylor

ask whatever questions you may have. Informal visits will be hosted by Gregory Doey the Executive Headteacher and Alex Turnbull, the current Head of School. We know they will ensure that your visit is very informative.

To arrange your visit please contact Zoe Simpson, our School Business Manager
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Application Form – Please return your completed application form by 1:00pm on Monday 19th February 2018 to:
Zoe Simpson, School Business Manager, Pilgrims' Way Primary School, Manor Grove, London, SE15 1EF
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Short listing will take place on the week beginning Monday 19th February and the selection process will then take place on the week beginning Monday 26th February 2018.

We passionately believe that our children must have the very best education and guidance so they eventually leave school with some real choices to make about their future jobs, careers, further education and lifestyle. We know that the right Head of School will make an enormous difference to the lives of these children and their families

Thank you again for your interest and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

Gregory Doey
Executive Headteacher