



# ARCHBISHOP SUMNER

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**INTERIM HEADTEACHER: RICHARD WEST  
MONK**

**CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: FREYA THOMAS**

### **Class teacher - Letter to applicants**

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our school.

In September Archbishop Sumner will begin an exciting new chapter with our dynamic new Headteacher Kate Evans. It is my very great pleasure to be leading the school in the meantime, to ensure everything is set for the best possible start.

I have led my own school in Brixton through four highly successful Ofsted inspections, and I actually began my career as a Headteacher many years ago at Archbishop Sumner! It has been a tremendous privilege to re-establish ties with the school.

Archbishop Sumner is deeply embedded in and cherished by its local community in Kennington, South-East London - well beyond the parish Church to which we are attached (St. Anselms). This is especially evident in the lovely social & cultural mix of families, and in the unusually strong relationships amongst and between pupils, parents, staff & governors.

The staff are a great mix of youth and experience, united by a strong commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children we serve. The school has a well deserved reputation for the range and quality of its music provision; and for its effective support of pupils with additional needs, inspired by our Christian vision of a school for all.

After the challenges of Covid, and a change of leadership, we are particularly looking forward to reinvigorating a creative, child-centred curriculum.

If this appeals to you, please reach out for an informal chat, or make an appointment to meet Kate or me and to see the school for yourself. Just call the number below, or email [tbutler@absprimary.school](mailto:tbutler@absprimary.school). We could accommodate a teacher in either Key Stage 1 or 2, and would particularly welcome applications from experienced teachers. Please include your age-group preference in your application.

If you decide to apply, you should organise your personal statement in the same order as the points in the Person specification, addressing each one separately, and providing clear evidence & examples to support your application. Completed applications should be emailed to [tbutler@absprimary.school](mailto:tbutler@absprimary.school) by Friday 26th April.

We will contact shortlisted candidates in the week of 29th April. The final selection process will take place shortly after that.

I really hope you apply for a position in our school – our pupils need the best to give them a decent start in life, and you could be just what we are looking for.

Best wishes

Richard West

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