

# Britannia Village Primary School

*'It takes a whole village to educate a child'*

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the vacancy at our school.

I joined the school as a classteacher over 12 years ago and am now in my second year of being the Head of School of what I firmly believe to be one of the most amazing schools in the World.

The school opened in 1999 and enjoys a unique and exciting position as a 'village' school within an inner city setting. It lies south of the Excel centre and west of London City Airport and is close to the River Thames embedded within the ever developing Docklands. We have a strong relationship with staff in the adjacent village hall and work together to provide services that bring benefit to our families. We have also established, in association with Oasis, a secondary school which will shortly be permanently housed a stone's throw away! As the majority of our pupils transfer into that secondary school, it paves the way for a smooth transition and on-going involvement with our pupils. We are also proud to announce that Royal Wharf Primary School, led by our inspirational Executive Headteacher, has opened this year, with its first cohort of 60 pupils. This school is currently housed in our school until its brand new building is complete in September 2020.

Britannia Village has an excellent reputation with regards to the high standards and the excellent attainment and progress our pupils make. Newham is an inclusive borough and our children come from a wide variety of social, ethnic, linguistic and faith backgrounds. Our school has been recognised as having an excellent inclusive ethos. We have recently gained the Inclusion Quality Mark which is testimony to our efforts in making our school inclusive. Indeed, our trust motto is: *Achieving Excellence, Inspiring Creativity and Championing Inclusion*

Although we don't have much outdoor space, we make the most of what we have, and have gradually developed the school grounds to enhance the children's enjoyment and experiences. We have a superb eco garden with a pond, dedicated separate Year 1 and Year 2 spaces, a chicken coup, a double decker reading bus, fantastic play equipment (designed by our school council) an outdoor stage and a sports pitch. Just outside the school we have access to a MUGA and the village green.

There is a dedicated SEN classroom that implements a life skills curriculum helping to prepare pupils for life beyond school. An SEN teacher and several TAs are fully committed in supporting pupils to develop functional skills so that they can integrate into society with greater independence. The school has a strong commitment to personalised learning and responds flexibly to meet the needs of all learners by providing immediate support and intervention. We have a committed and enthusiastic staff who rise to the challenges posed by our intake. *It takes a whole village to educate a child* is our school motto; our school community work hard to raise standards for all pupils inside and outside of school. Professional development is offered in-house and outside and staff have opportunities to hold responsibility posts early on in their careers.

Our children benefit from a range of extra-curricular activities provided voluntarily mainly by our own members of staff. These include tap and modern dancing, drama, art, music, ICT, football, NFL, reading and radio clubs. We recognise children's talents and, where we are able, provide clubs that will encourage them in this, for example, cheerleading, gymnastics, STEM, art and creative writing. Our pupils benefit from amazing experiences and educational visits which (apart from residential visits) are fully subsidised by the school: finance should never be a barrier to opportunity for our families. Our partnerships with world class educational institutions such as Google, Punchdrunk, LSO, Central School of Speech and Drama, University of East London are also something we are very proud of.

Thank you for considering our school as your next career move. I do hope that you will take the time to visit our outstanding school as, if you feel that this is the school for you, there is so much more to see.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Kiel Richardson *BSc MA NPQH*  
Head of School

