



**Bligh**  
Primary  
A School with Heart

# Bligh Primary School

## Candidate Information Pack



Maritime  
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A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a red school cardigan over a blue shirt and a red and white striped tie, stands in a school hallway. She is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. The background shows a blurred hallway with colorful decorations.

Dear Applicant

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the interest you have shown in working at Bligh Primary School. Bligh Primary is an ambitious school which serves a mixed socio-economic community in the north of Strood in Kent.

We believe that the greatest educational gift we can give our children is choice over their futures. We believe that a solid academic foundation matched equally with strong personal and social traits will allow our children to succeed in school and therefore have the ability to make choices about their future careers and lives. This forms our school's vision.

Our school uses the three C's of Communication, Collaboration and Community to drive our school curriculum. We believe that these three elements should be visible in our curriculum and help us to deliver on our vision.

Our school values also underpin our ethos. Bligh is a school with 'HEART'. We expect all our children to demonstrate our school values of Honesty, Empathy, Achievement, Resilience and Teamwork in all they do. These are more than just words. They are behaviours that we believe will achieve our school vision.

Most of our schools work is underpinned by CPD. We expect the whole school team to see the value in CPD and be self directed as learners. We acknowledge that practice changes over time and as a school we embrace and welcome this.

More than anything, Bligh Primary School is an exciting and happy place to work.

The school is located just off the M2 in Strood. It has excellent transport routes and is located on a main bus route as well as being approximately 2 miles away from Strood and Rochester stations.

In September 2020, Bligh Primary School became part of the Maritime Academy Trust. Maritime consists of 12 primary schools across Kent and the London. It is the Maritime's mission "to empower schools with the means to drive greater and more enjoyable outcomes for children".

I hope that you find this candidate pack useful and I urge you to look on our website ([www.blighprimary.com](http://www.blighprimary.com)) for further details about the school. If you would like further information about the post or would like to arrange a visit prior to submitting your application, please contact the main [school office](#).

Christian Markham  
Headteacher

# Welcome to Bligh

At Bligh Primary School we are committed to providing excellence in education by:

- Raising standards through effective teaching and learning, by delivering a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, differentiated to meet the needs of all pupils.
- Developing confident and motivated learners by engaging pupils in their learning through a range of interactive, meaningful and enjoyable experiences.
- Creating an inclusive school, raising self-esteem by valuing and encouraging everyone and promoting respect for others.
- Developing the independence and creativity needed for our children to play an active role in their future lives by encouraging children to be creative and independent in both thought and action.
- Establishing and maintaining positive partnerships with parents and the local community.
- Maintaining a safe, secure and pleasant learning environment.

## Bligh Values

### Vision

Our vision is to give every child the opportunity to make positive choices about their lives especially when they are adults.

### Mission

Our mission is to provide an education which unlocks children's potential by being truly fun, engaging and active.

### Values

We believe that our school values represent our expectations of how all children and adults at our school behave. Our values are talked about daily and form the most important part of school life.

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**Achievement**

We always aim to achieve the best we can, in and outside the classroom.



**Resilience**

We never give up. When something is difficult we try even harder.



**Teamwork**

We understand that we are all part of the Bligh team.  
Working together helps us achieve more.

# Bligh Photo Gallery



# What our parents say about Bligh Primary School

"The support and encouragement from the teachers has been amazing."

"The ease of communication between teacher and parent helps make a good team for the children."

"We are really pleased and compared to friends with children in other schools, Bligh is miles ahead."

"The amount of flexibility and support offered is outstanding. Also, the teacher's dedication of looking after the well-being of children and recognising if a child is having an 'off' day and offering further support if required has been brilliant."



# Maritime Academy Trust

Maritime is a charitable education trust with schools across London and the South East and led by the CEO – Nick Osborne.

As an education charity, Maritime are fully committed to advancing education for the public benefit. It is our mission to empower our schools with the means to drive ever greater and more enjoyable outcomes for children.

This is done by seeking out the intersection between logic and magic; between the knowledge children need, the skills that will enable them to navigate a future world of work that doesn't exist yet, and a journey through education that will stick with them as they grow.

Our Maritime Entrepreneurial Curriculum brings this all together, weaving essential skills and knowledge into a thematic approach to learning that is embraced by all of our schools. It culminates with our Maritime Expeditions: child-led learning showcases that demonstrate how children have found solutions to real-world challenges.

Like our name suggests, Maritime draws on the heritage of our original Greenwich home. We are explorers and adventurers who believe that our community grows stronger the more people we meet and the more we learn from them. Our whole approach to what we do, our whole mindset, is that through strong collaboration we can most effectively spark innovation throughout our schools. Collaborate, Innovate, Educate.

We are very proud of how we work together, approaching everything through the lens of our Maritime Behaviours, the ways of working that build towards our vision and make it enjoyable to be a part of the team.

As an employee of the Maritime Academy Trust you can expect:

- a positive working environment
- national terms and conditions
- tailored programmes of CPD with cross trust development opportunities
- a generous package of staff benefits.

You can find out more information about Maritime Academy Trust on the [website](#).

# Staff Benefits

The Maritime Academy Trust is able to provide our children with a phenomenal education because we employ the very best Teachers and Support Staff, who share our vision, values and behaviours. We want our employees to feel valued and offer a competitive package of benefits.

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National Terms & Conditions



Well-Being Initiatives and Social Activities



Family Friendly Policies



Staff Development & CPD



Retail and Holiday Discounts in Maritime Hub



Interest free Travel to Work Loans



Teachers and LGPS Pension Schemes



Annual Flu Vaccinations



Discounted Gym Membership



Trade Union Recognition



Cycle to Work Scheme



Employee Assistance Programme





# Application Guidance

Thank you for your interest in working with the Maritime Multi-Academy Trust. This Application Guidance has been developed to help you to complete your application. Please take a few minutes to read through the information before filling out the application form.

Your application will be your first point of contact with the Trust and the school you would like to work with. The content of your application will determine whether or not you will be invited to interview, therefore it is essential that you complete it as fully as possible. We will not make any assumptions about your abilities and do not take into account any previous applications.

CVs are not acceptable in the place of a completed application form and all candidates are required to address the criteria on the person specification for the post. However, you may submit a CV in addition to your completed application form.

## Personal Details

Enter fully and clearly your name, address and telephone number(s) so that you can be easily contacted in the event that you are shortlisted to attend an interview.

## Employment

State clearly your current or most recent employer's name and address. Include details of the post held and (if applicable) reason for leaving.

## Previous Employment

Enter names and addresses of all previous employers, starting with the most recent. You can also include work experience placements, holiday jobs or voluntary work in which you have developed skills relevant to the job you are applying for. It is very important that you complete this section in chronological order, and detail accurately any gaps between employment and other activities.

## Education

Provide full details of your education at secondary level and above along with details of degrees/diplomas and any other qualifications, including those that you are currently studying for. Make sure you give all the information required, including levels and grades of any examinations taken. If a required qualification has been specified for the role, make sure you give all the information required and levels of any examinations taken. You will be expected to provide documentary evidence if you are invited for an interview.

## Supporting Statement

This section is very important. It gives you the opportunity to detail why you feel you are the best person for the job and why you are applying, and is the key information that is used for shortlisting. Before completing this section refer to the Job Description and Person Specification for the role.

# Application Guidance

Focus on how your skills, knowledge and experience meet each role requirement, detailed in the person specification giving specific examples. In completing this section you may refer to both paid and voluntary work and your experience within any school or any relevant experience outside work.

## Referees

Provide the names, addresses and email addresses of two people who are willing and able to provide references in support of your application. One of these must be your current (or most recent) employer.

If you are an NQT We suggest you ask the Headteacher of your most recent placement and your university or college tutor, as they will be able to comment upon your teaching skills.

If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, the second referee should be the employer by whom you were most recently employed in work with children. Please note that family members, friends and relatives are not acceptable referees.

Referees will be asked about past disciplinary actions or allegations excluding those that were deemed to be unfounded, unsubstantiated or malicious when assessing your application.

If you are subsequently made a conditional offer of employment, further information may be sought about health and absences.

## Eligibility to Work in the UK

If you are selected to attend for an interview you will be asked to provide documentary evidence of your right to work in the UK.

## Declarations

If you are appointed, you will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) application. The DBS will provide a report to you confirming whether you have any history of criminal convictions, including cautions and bind-overs.

All posts in schools are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; this means you must declare all convictions, including those that would normally be regarded as 'spent'. The existence of a criminal background does not automatically mean that you cannot be appointed but it may do so.

We need to know if you have a close relationship with and/or are related to any employee, governor or anyone else connected to the school, in order to ensure a fair selection process.

If you have a disability please provide details of any adjustments that you will require if shortlisted for an interview. Any details you provide regarding a disability will be dealt with sensitively and will only be disclosed to staff involved in the selection process when it is considered appropriate and necessary.

# Application Guidance

## Submitting Your Application Form

Before submitting your application form ensure that you take time to read it through to check for any errors or omissions. You may find it useful to keep a copy of your submitted application form to refer to if you are short listed for the post you are applying for. Your completed application must be submitted before the specified closing date.

## Next Steps

All applications will be acknowledged. You will be notified within two weeks whether you have been shortlisted to attend an interview. It is the policy of the Trust that feedback is not provided to candidates at the shortlisting stage

## Safeguarding

It is an offence to apply for the role if the applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. See our policy statement re ex-offenders

Maritime Academy Trust is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check. A copy of the recruitment of ex-offenders policy can be **[found here](#)**

A copy of the Maritime Child protection and safeguarding policy can be found on the link below

**[https://www.maritimeacademytrust.org/docs/policies/Maritime\\_Child\\_Protection\\_and\\_Safeguarding\\_Policy\\_2021-2022.pdf](https://www.maritimeacademytrust.org/docs/policies/Maritime_Child_Protection_and_Safeguarding_Policy_2021-2022.pdf)**

If you are shortlisted you will be asked to complete a Criminal History declaration form

## Privacy

A copy of our privacy notice for applicants can be **[found here](#)**

# Job Description

## **Early Years Practitioner Apprentice Job Description & Person Specification**

Salary: National Apprentice wage

### **Job Description**

To deliver a high standard of learning, development and care for children aged 0-5 years.

To ensure that the Early Years provision is a safe environment for children, staff and others.

To develop partnerships with parents/carers to increase involvement in their child's development.

To be responsible for any tasks delegated by the line Manager

To complete all academic aspects of the apprenticeship

### **Key responsibilities:**

- To provide a safe, caring, stimulating educational environment, both indoors and outdoors, at all times.
- To deliver an appropriate play based Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum that enables children to make individual progress.
- To understand and work to school and nursery policies and procedures, including how to deal with child protection issues appropriately and how to respond to incidents, accidents, complaints and emergencies
- To undertake activities which ensure each child is working towards the early learning outcomes.
- To ensure records are properly maintained, e.g. daily attendance register, accident and incident book, risk assessments
- To work as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage team to deliver the best offer for each child in the nursery.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties as directed, in accordance with the preschool aims and objectives

This job description does not form part of the Contract of Employment and is not necessarily a comprehensive description of the duties required but outlines the main responsibilities of the post. It will be reviewed regularly and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.

# Person Specification



## Person Specification

### Qualifications

- GCSE Grade A - C English & Maths

### Skills & Attributes

- Empathy and understanding of children under five.
- Excellent verbal and communication skills with children and parents.
- Ability to write reports and keep clear and accurate records.
- Excellent organisational skills
- Administrative and basic IT skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Able to work on own initiative

### Personal Qualities

- Reliable, enthusiastic, and flexible
- A commitment to quality in all areas, with a high level of motivation and enthusiasm
- Able to perform under stress
- A creative thinker
- A good sense of humour



## Contact Us



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