



**Woodland
Academy Trust**

Ignite the spark, reveal the champion

Class Teacher Application Pack



**Knockhall
Primary School**

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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in this role at Woodland Academy Trust. Woodland Academy Trust is a small but ambitious Trust that puts the children and community first. We are on an exciting journey to achieve the best possible outcomes and excellence for all.

To support us on our journey, we are welcoming applications from skilled and committed applicants who have vision, drive and ambition and would be keen to hear about your experiences and what skills you can bring to this role. We seek to attract staff who have a growth mindset, strong values and work ethic and care deeply about serving communities.

This is an exciting time to join Woodland Academy Trust as we further strengthen our school improvement offer across the Trust. You will benefit from working with a strong team, receive the very best professional development and have the opportunity to make a real difference to the daily learning experiences of our wonderful children.

We look forward to your application.

Yours faithfully,

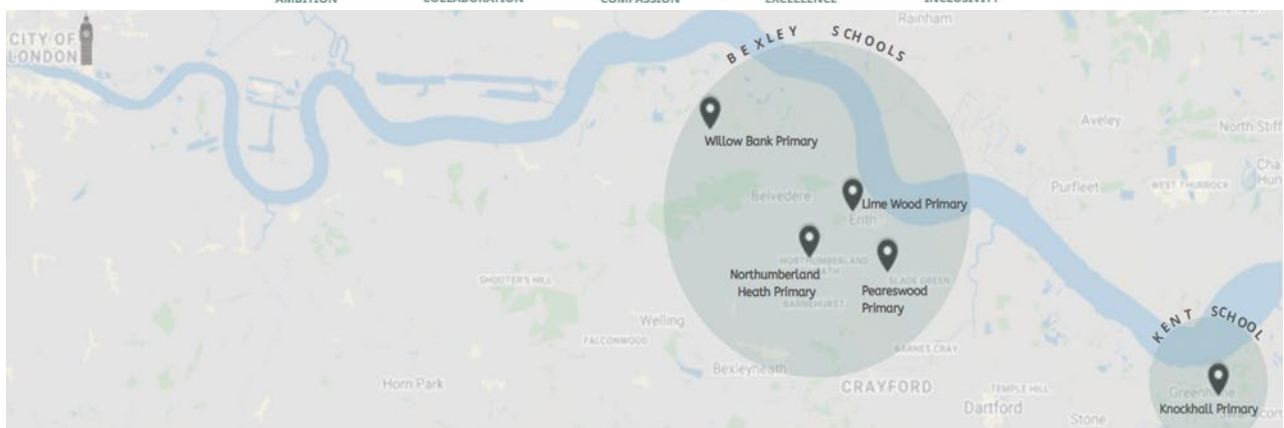
Nav Sanghara, Trust Leader (CEO)



About our Trust

Woodland Academy Trust was formed in September 2011 and consists of four primary schools, three of which are located in the London Borough of Bexley and one in Kent, with a further primary free school due to open in September 2023.

All our schools share the same mission; *ignite the spark, reveal the champion*. We are an inclusive and ambitious Trust, striving to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. Our aim is to provide the highest quality learning experiences for every child by creating an ethical culture of empowerment and growth for all. We believe deeply in the importance of nurturing strong partnerships with our local communities and beyond.



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Welcome from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to Knockhall Primary School.

Our school values the relationships it holds with children, their families, the school and wider communities in order to secure the best outcomes for children at each stage in their primary learning journey. We pride ourselves on our commitment to communication and inclusion for all and value the contributions made by our children's parents and carers.

Our values of honesty, respect, teamwork and pride prepare and equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their lives.

Our school believes in the concept of lifelong learning and that the learning we provide is a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. This is achieved through our school curriculum philosophy which is bespoke to our school and Trust and works by considering areas of study in the context of the local area; Greenhithe – taking in the heritage of our locality, followed by the wider area, London and then the whole of the UK, before broadening out beyond our country to take in global issues.

We look forward to meeting you.



Tiffany King
Headteacher

About Our School

Knockhall Primary School is a two-form entry school situated at the heart of the community in Greenhithe, Kent.

It has recently had a brand-new build for the Early Years and Foundation stage children in addition to a recent extension for key stage 2.

We want to capture the minds of our learners by creating an inspirational curriculum that adults enjoy delivering. We always strive to improve on our outcomes to ensure our children get the very best from their time with us. More than anything however, we do this as peers, supporting each other along the way with a focus on our core purpose.

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The Vacancy

Job title:	Class Teacher
Status:	Permanent
Hours:	32.5 hours per week (full time)
Working weeks:	52 weeks
Grade:	Teachers' Main or Upper Pay scales
Post Start Date:	September 2023
Closing Date:	28 th February 2023

We are currently seeking to appoint inspirational class teachers at Knockhall Primary School who are passionate about ensuring our children receive the very best education.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the standards and progress of pupils and will be enthusiastic and motivated to help our children to ignite their spark and reveal the champion they hold within themselves.

The successful candidate will have a good understanding of teaching and learning, pedagogy and experience of using educational research such as Rosenshine's Principles. We are seeking to appoint staff who can work collaboratively with colleagues and who are passionate about providing all children with the very best learning experiences possible.

As a teacher, you will:

- Be passionate about providing opportunities for children from a wide range of backgrounds
- Be keen to develop and make use of the school's links with the local community
- Have high aspirations and expectations for every pupil to succeed
- Understand the value of developing the 'whole' child.
- Be committed to forging strong relationships with parents
- Be an excellent teacher, committed to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils.
- Have the vision, passion and drive to improve standards in all areas of school life.

The post is full time on a permanent contract. Applications would also be welcomed from part-time candidates.

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Applications

Please apply by visiting our recruitment page at: [Woodland Academy Trust- Join Us](#)

Or if you would prefer to complete a word application form, please contact us.

Application Deadline: 28th February 2023

Interviews: To be arranged

Visits to the school are welcomed and can be organised by contacting recruitment@watschools.org.uk

For more information about Woodland Academy Trust please visit: [Woodland Academy Trust](#).

Diversity & Inclusion

Woodland Academy Trust values and cares about the lived experience and backgrounds our colleagues can bring to their roles. We believe a diverse team strengthens our organisation and encourages innovation.

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and ensure our colleagues feel respected and valued for being themselves.

We are committed to ensuring that employees who have a disability are given every possible assistance in the workplace. All disabled applicants that meet the minimum criteria for the job will be given the opportunity to be interviewed. We have a commitment to make reasonable adjustments to our recruitment and selection processes, where appropriate, this is to ensure that no candidate, whether or not that have a disability, is unfairly prevented from demonstrating their true abilities.

Our Offer

Woodland Academy Trust seek to appoint colleagues who share in our values and mission to ignite the spark and reveal the champion. We recognise that in order to offer the best outcomes for our children, our staff teams need the opportunity to be the very best they can be too. We do this by ensuring we have in place for all staff:

- Continuous professional learning focusing on core areas;
- Working collaboratively with agencies around us and offering formal training opportunities, bespoke and targeted professional development as well as in-house, bespoke training from our many experts and coaching and mentoring;
- Embedding initiatives to support with reducing teacher workload;
- A strong supportive ethos with dedicated line management structures and clear communication channels;

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- Well-being assistance and support including a dedicated employee assistance helpline and occupational health;
- Opportunities to take part in exciting initiatives and projects that help shape the way our children will learn in the future;
- Wide range of family friendly policies in place for staff;
- Recognising national terms and conditions for staff;
- Teachers and Local Government pension schemes;
- Cycle to work schemes.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Woodland Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are therefore expected to behave in such a way that supports this commitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to the following satisfactory pre-employment checks:

- Health
- Identity
- Relevant work qualifications
- Right to work in the UK
- Barred List Check (previously List 99)
- Disclosure & Barring Service Check (for all staff and volunteers)
- References



Knockhall Primary

Teamwork Respect Honesty Pride

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JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

JOB TITLE	Class Teacher
RESPONSIBLE TO	Phase Leader
SALARY	Main and Upper Pay Scales
HOURS	1267.5 hours/ 52 weeks per year
ALL STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To live our Trust values, demonstrating ambition, collaboration, compassion, excellence and inclusivity in your everyday work life. • To value professional development and welcome any training opportunities to develop personal skills and knowledge. • To agree to follow the school and Trust's policies and procedures.
MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ROLE	To carry out the professional duties of a teacher in accordance with the Statutory Teachers Pay and Conditions Document as well as the policies of the school, under the direction of the Headteacher.

Planning, teaching and class management	<p>Hold responsibility for a class and plan their teaching to achieve progression of learning through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying clear teaching objectives and specifying how they will be taught and assessed; • Setting tasks which challenge pupils and ensure high levels of interest; • Setting appropriate and high expectations; • Setting clear targets, building on prior attainment; • Identifying SEN or very able pupils; • Providing clear structures for lessons maintaining pace, motivation and challenge; • Making effective use of assessment and ensure coverage of programmes of study; • Ensuring effective teaching and best use of available time; • Maintaining discipline in accordance with the school's procedures and encouraging good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework; • Using a variety of teaching methods to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Match approach to content, structure information, present a set of key ideas and use appropriate vocabulary; - Use effective questioning, listen carefully to pupils, give attention to errors and misconceptions; - Select appropriate learning resources and develop study skills. • Ensuring pupils acquire and consolidate knowledge, skills and understanding appropriate to the subject taught;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating own teaching critically to improve effectiveness; • Ensuring the effective and efficient deployment of classroom support; • Taking account of pupils' needs by providing structured learning; • Opportunities which develop the areas of learning identified in national and local policies and particularly the foundations for English and Maths; • Encouraging pupils to think and talk about their learning, develop self-control and independence, concentrate and persevere, and listen attentively; • Using a variety of teaching strategies which involve planned adult intervention, first-hand experience and play and talk as a vehicle for learning.
Monitoring, assessment and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess how well learning objectives have been achieved and use them to improve specific aspects of teaching. • Mark and monitor pupils' work and set targets for progress. • Assess and record pupils' progress systematically and keep records. • Check work is understood and completed, monitor strengths and weaknesses, inform planning and recognise the level at which the pupil is achieving. • Undertake assessment of pupils as requested by examination bodies, and school procedures. • Prepare and present informative reports to parents.
Curriculum Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have lead responsibility for a subject or aspect of the school's work and develop plans which identify clear targets and success criteria for its development and / or maintenance. • Contribute to the whole school's planning activities.

- This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was published.
- The hours and the job description may be modified depending on the needs of the school.
- The post holder may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the school as may be reasonably expected, without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed.
- The priorities for each year will be reviewed against this job description annually through performance management meetings.

Signed by employee: _____

Signed by Headteacher: _____

Date: _____

Please note that we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expect all those who work with us to share this commitment. Successful applicants will need to undertake a DBS Enhanced Clearance check (Disclosure and Barring Service). We give high priority to promoting diversity throughout the Trust.

Person Specification		
	Essential	Desirable
Education, Qualifications and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Teacher Status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of continuous INSET & commitment to further professional development. Child protection and safeguarding training.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching at Foundation Stage, KS1 or KS2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching across the whole Primary age range. Working in partnership with parents/carers.
Knowledge and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Class Teacher should have knowledge & understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theory and practice of effective teaching & learning for the individual needs of all children including EAL, SEN, Able & Talented (e.g classroom organisation and learning strategies); statutory National Curriculum requirements at the appropriate key stage; The monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting of pupil's progress; The statutory requirements of legislation concerning Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety SEN & Child Protection; The positive links necessary within school and with all its stakeholders. The Class Teacher will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the school's aims positively, and use effective strategies to monitor motivation and morale; Create a happy, challenging and effective learning environment establishing high expectations; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of technology and digital learning to enhance children's learning. Knowledge of the preparation and administration of statutory National Curriculum tests. Understanding of the links between schools, especially, networks and partner schools. Able to develop strategies for creating community links.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement effective classroom management and organisation; - Assess the needs of individuals accurately recording & reporting their progress; - Develop good personal relationships with parents/carers, governors and the community; - Communicate effectively (both orally and in writing) to a variety of audiences. 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approachable • Committed • Empathetic • Enthusiastic • Organised • Flexible • Reflective • Professional • Collaborative • Inclusive • Compassionate • Ambitious 	
General Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of safeguarding and its importance within an educational setting. • Awareness and understanding of equality and diversity. 	

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