

CLASS TEACHER

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us at Minterne Community Junior School.

I hope this pack will give you a flavour of what it is like to be part of our successful and supportive school. We would welcome your request to come and visit us during the school day to see for yourself why we are so proud of our pupils and staff who make up our school community.

At Minterne, we are passionate about providing children with the opportunities and desire for learning. Our aim is to produce happy children who are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. Built in 1964, Minterne Junior School serves a pleasant residential area. The town centre and the countryside are both easily accessible from the school. There are almost 390 pupils aged from 7 to 11 currently on roll. The school is set on a spacious site, with 12 classrooms and an attached Speech and Language Unit. Each class has an interactive whiteboard, internet access and access to iPads. Indeed, our computing facilities are excellent; featuring a large suite which houses 36 modern computers and a class set of iPads. We are proud to be part of Our Community Multi Academy Trust, a group of ten schools under the leadership and guidance of Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Whitehead.

All new colleagues at Minterne Junior School are made to feel welcome and professional development of staff across our Multi Academy Trust is one of our top priorities.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please visit our website: www.minterne.org or contact the office: office@minterne.kent.sch.uk (t:01795 472323).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the role.

Yours faithfully

Ms Kirsty Hadfield
Head of School



Mrs Catherine Hurst
Executive Headteacher



Advert

Job Title: Class Teacher

Grade: MPS

Hours: 32.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday

This is a permanent role subject to a six month probation period

This is a fabulous opportunity for a dedicated and organised person to join the school team at Minterne Junior School which is part of Our Community Multi Academy Trust. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced class teacher to join the school's successful and supportive team. This role may be suitable for experienced teachers who are looking for a new challenge or an outstanding ECT, however we encourage anyone to apply who feels they have the necessary skills and abilities to fulfil the role.

Minterne is one of ten schools within Our Community Multi Academy Trust. We are a junior with 389 of pupils on our roll. In addition, we have the Acorn Speech and Language Centre, which is a specialist provision.

Our Community Multi Academy Trust believe that our people are our biggest asset.

We can offer you:

- The opportunity to work in an excellent school and to contribute to its growth and development
- Students who enjoy learning
- A stable and committed staff team determined to give our students the best possible opportunities
- A supportive and committed board of trustees
- Work within a growing Trust who fully believe in the professional development of their staff.

The successful candidate will:

- Has a genuine desire to create and teach interesting and engaging learning experiences for our pupils
- Be committed to developing life-skills in children through rich learning experiences
- Have excellent organisational skills
- Be punctual
- Be committed to providing extra-curricular experiences for pupils
- Communicate well and be confident managing others
- Have excellent teamwork and collaborative skills
- Respect confidentiality and the potential sensitivities of working in a school
- Have experience working in a school
- Be able to demonstrate in their application that they can fulfil the main duties of the job description and person specification as a minimum

We warmly welcome and encourage potential candidates to visit our school in order to take a tour, meet staff, ask initial questions and get a 'feel' for Minterne's philosophy.

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check along with other pre-employment checks which must be undertaken before the role is confirmed by the school.

Our Community MAT is committed to safeguarding, safer recruitment and promoting the welfare of pupils. Our comprehensive recruitment and selection processes aim to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants. Successful candidates are subject to rigorous pre-employment checks.

We are equally committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity. We aim for our workforce to be representative of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. We are committed to providing equality and fairness in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on any grounds. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Applications to be made via Kent Teach.

For further information about the role, please contact Kirsty Warner, via telephone on 01795 472323 or office@minterne.kent.sch.uk

Job Description

Class Teacher

Status of post

This is a teaching post within the schools staffing structure. This post holder is accountable to their Year Leader, Head of School & Executive Headteacher. As a class teacher, you will be required to meet the general requirements of this post as specified in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. In addition, you will be required to fulfil any reasonable expectations from the Headteacher.

Job Purpose

To carry out professional duties and to have responsibility for an assigned class.

To be responsible for the day-to-day work and management of the class and the safety and welfare of the pupils, during on-site and off-site activities.

To promote the aims and objectives of the school and maintain its philosophy of education.

The post will require you to work in partnership with the Head of School & Executive Headteacher, governors and staff to ensure the continuous improvement of the school.

Reporting to

The post holder is responsible to their Year Leader, Head of School & Executive Headteacher in all matters.

The post holder may be expected to network and liaise across the OCMAT schools, community and coordinator networks, to ensure a consistency of approach regarding standards, support, transition and high quality learning and teaching.

Main expectations of the role

Alongside the fulfilment of the DfE Teachers' Standards, the following is a list of specific responsibilities that a class teacher is required to carry out:

The class teacher will...

- create and manage a caring, supportive, purposeful and stimulating environment which is conducive to children's learning.
- promote the welfare of children and to support the school in safeguarding children through relevant policies and procedures.
- plan and prepare lessons in order to deliver the National Curriculum ensuring breadth and balance in all subjects.
- identify clear teaching objectives and learning outcomes, with appropriate challenge and high expectations.
- maintain good order and discipline among the pupils, safeguarding their health and safety.
- organise and manage groups or individual pupils ensuring differentiation of learning needs, reflecting all abilities.
- plan opportunities to develop the social, emotional and cultural aspects of pupils' learning.
- maintain a regular system of monitoring, assessment, record-keeping and reporting of children's progress.

- prepare appropriate records for the transfer of pupils.
- ensure effective use of support staff within the classroom.
- participate in staff and year group meetings as required.
- contribute to the development and leadership of a particular area of the curriculum.
- be part of a whole school team, actively involved in decision-making on the preparation and development of policies and programmes of study, teaching materials, resources, methods of teaching and pastoral arrangements.
- ensure that school policies are reflected in daily practice.
- communicate and consult with parents over all aspects of their children's education - academic, social and emotional.
- liaise with outside agencies when appropriate eg. Educational Psychologist.
- continue professional development, maintaining a portfolio of training undertaken.
- meet with parents and appropriate agencies, to contribute positively to the education of the children concerned.
- support the Head of School in promoting the ethos of the school.
- promote equality as an integral part of the role and to treat everyone with fairness and dignity.
- recognise that health and safety is a responsibility of every employee, to take reasonable care of self and others and to comply with the Schools Health and Safety policy and any school-specific procedures / rules that apply to this role.

Our Community Multi Academy Overview

We believe that the success of an organisation is rooted in the quality of its leadership. In Our Community Multi Academy Trust we believe that leaders who uphold the core values of the Trust and demonstrate the leadership principles as listed below will enjoy the greatest success within their schools.

We believe exemplary leadership is rooted within our three core values. We want our leaders to be:

1. Inclusive Leaders
2. Compassionate Leaders
3. Community Leaders



OCMAT Leadership Principles

The Inclusive Leader:

- Will hold and maintain the highest educational standards for all children
- Will welcome all children and staff to our schools equally
- Will make reasonable adjustments to enable/ensure all pupils to have equitable access to an enriching, broad and balanced curriculum
- Will adhere to the principles of the SEND Code of practice
- Will ensure that their school is an accessible educational environment for all pupils, staff, governors, parents and visitors alike.
- Fosters a culture where all stakeholders/staff feel comfortable contributing their ideas and opinions, ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.
- Upholds and champions British values and protective characteristics, creating a culture of respect, equality and diversity.

The Compassionate Leader:

- Will show empathy with children, staff and families through their leadership behaviours
- Will act with fairness and consistency at all times
- Will give credit where it is due and show appreciation for the efforts of every member of staff
- Will not be afraid to make mistakes and will show their own vulnerabilities
- Will go above and beyond to recruit and retain good staff
- Will be unconditionally inclusive
- Will have courageous conversations
- Will be reflective on their own professional practice and be receptive to advice offered.

The Community Leader:

- Will be highly visible within their own school setting and the local community
- Will be accountable for their actions and decisions
- Will act with integrity, drawing on their values to guide their decisions
- Will empower and enable staff by leading by example
- Will positively promote the Trust and school at all times

We will ultimately achieve this through being Collaborative leaders

The Collaborative Leader:

- Will articulate a clear vision for their school which is understood and acted upon by all staff, pupils and families
- Will engage in and promote all Trust wide activities - working in a positive partnership with all Trust staff.
- Will unconditionally work with other professionals both within and outside of the Trust for the greater good of our children
- Will display commitment to their staff and school priorities, resulting in high staff morale.
- Will motivate their staff with passion, enthusiasm and inspiration making staff feel valued for their contribution to the school and the Trust.

Our Schools

Primary

Borden Church of England Primary School, ME9 8JS

Bredgar Church of England Primary School, ME9 8HB

Dymchurch Primary School, TN29 0LE

Lydd Primary School, TN29 9HW

Lynsted & Norton Primary School, ME9 0RL

Milstead & Frinsted Church of England Primary School, ME9 0SJ

Minterne Junior School, ME10 1SB

Petham Primary School, CT4 5RD

Selling Church of England Primary School, ME13 9RQ

The Oaks Infant School, ME10 1GL

Trust Central Team

Central Support Team

(based at Lynsted & Norton Primary School)

Human Resources Team

Finance Team

Business Support & Management Information Team

Marketing Team

ICT Support

Trust Executive Team - School Improvement

Inclusion Executive Officer

Standards Executive Officer

The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates who complete our application form, CVs will not be accepted. Applicants can apply directly through the Kent-Teach website. Alternatively, please contact trustr@ocmat.org.uk for a paper application form.

The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post, a panel will conduct a shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form and we therefore suggest you read the Job Description and Person Specification fully prior to completing your application.

If your application is shortlisted, the Trust reserves the right to conduct an online search as part of our safer recruitment checks in line with KCSIE guidance. Any relevant information found with regards to a candidate's suitability to work with children will be discussed at interview.

Candidates selected for interview will be informed.

All candidates who are invited to interview must bring the following original documents:

- Documents to evidence right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph (driving licence or passport)
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate, documentation evidencing change of name
- Certificates of educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

Conditional Offer

Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a number of formalities, including, but not restricted to the following:

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of 2 satisfactory references in line with KCSIE, one or if applicable, both of which must be your most recent employer and/or most recent childcare setting
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check and appropriate checks that may be required if you have worked or been resident overseas in the past five years
- Satisfactory pre-employment health clearance
- A check against the Teacher Service Register for any teaching prohibition or restriction orders where you are applying for a teaching role or if you have previously held an employed teaching role

Safeguarding

OCMAT has robust safer recruitment procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

All individuals working in any capacity at our Trust will be subjected to safeguarding checks in line with the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Retention of Information

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system six months from the date of interview or submission date of application if not successful for interview, in accordance with our retention or records procedure.

Please visit the OCMAT website for all Trust Policies: www.ocmat.org.uk



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