

Orchard House School - Job Description

PE/Sports Teacher

The appointed teacher will be involved with the following activities:

Children from the Den (Nursery) to Year 6 have at least one period of outdoor games and one indoor PE session each week. Children from Year 1 upwards swim once a week from February to July. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 swim once a week from September to February at Acton Swimming Pool.

The school has two small netball courts, one part of a large playground, on site and makes extensive use of the Rock's Lane Sporting Facilities, within walking distance on Chiswick Back Common. There are 2 netball, 7 tennis and 7 football pitches, all with astroturfed surfaces. The children are taken by minibus to Brentford Leisure Sports Centre where there is a very big hall and equipment for gymnastics, dance, athletics and badminton. A local golf course is also used with the older children.

The school holds many annual events including: sports day, cross country, swimming galas and displays, jump rope skipping and interschool football and netball tournaments. Regular fixtures are held against other schools - these might involve football, rugby, netball, cricket or rounders.

The PE/Games teacher will run at least two development squads before school and an after-school club activity on two afternoons each week. In addition they will attend fixture meetings with other schools once a term.

The school expects exemplary behaviour from our children both at school and while offsite.

Medium term and short term (weekly) plans must be prepared and shared other members of staff.

PE teachers are responsible for maintaining all the apparatus they use. An opportunity to order some new equipment will be provided.

There is a great sporting atmosphere amongst the staff. Twice a week sports afternoons are held where children from Year 2 to Upper 6 take part with other teaching staff for a fun sports afternoon.

The ideal person will be passionate about sport and the delivery of a comprehensive sporting programme for young children of 3-11. The ability to organise and run events and demonstrate an excellent knowledge of sport is essential. There will also be the opportunity to teach some academic lessons.

Other information

Teachers are expected to meet the standards set out in Professional Standards for Teachers (www.tda.gov.uk/standards)

Teachers are also expected to stay at school on two evenings a week each term to supervise children following their ballet lessons or other clubs. The PE and Sports teachers attend staff meetings and briefings; meetings are usually fortnightly but briefings take place once a week.

The school is very well-equipped with computers and digital cameras. From time to time individual teachers are encouraged to attend courses offered by other organisations and supported by the school. Teachers without a Montessori or EYPS qualification will be expected to show interest in the method and to gain familiarity with the EYFS. The school will support fully any staff member who wishes to acquire a Montessori qualification. Overseas Trained Teachers should also be aware of the House Schools Group policy on their gaining QTS, if possible, after an agreed time.

Each new teacher will be assigned a mentor, an existing member of staff, who will hold induction meetings on a regular basis. Newcomers to the school are welcomed, assisted and supported.

Lunch and hot drinks are provided.

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