

Hotham Primary School



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the position of Headteacher at Hotham Primary School.

Hotham is a two-form entry, community-maintained school in the London Borough of Wandsworth. Our school is located close to the River Thames and with great transport links into central London making us ideally placed to make best use of the rich educational and cultural experiences London has to offer.

Our school vision is to: **'equip children for life by providing them with the academic, social and personal skills they need to succeed in education, to relate well to others and to pursue their dreams'** and we are seeking an inspirational, committed and community focused leader to help us continue to deliver our vision.

Hotham School is a thriving community made up of happy children, professional teachers, supportive parents and knowledgeable leaders and governors, as confirmed during our recent Ofsted Inspection [Hotham Primary School Ofsted Report October 2019](#). We are proud to be a diverse and inclusive school welcoming children and families from all backgrounds, faiths and abilities. Hotham School not only reflects the diverse community of Putney but plays an important role in enhancing it too.

At Hotham we strive to provide an environment where everyone feels welcomed and respected. Our governing body measures the school's success by how it helps every one of its pupils to reach their individual highest potential – we want all our children to be the best they can be. We believe education to be about the whole child and offer an enriched curriculum to allow all to shine. Driven by this belief, Hotham has adopted the REAL project-based learning pedagogy to deliver the School Strategy and the National curriculum. Since its full introduction a little over a year ago, the REAL project approach has proved a huge success with the children, staff and parents and carers alike and the standard of and the attendance at the termly year-group project outcomes are testament to its success.

Further to our REAL projects approach, Hotham provides enhanced French language learning taught through CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) for all pupils from Nursery through to Year Six. This unique approach supports Hotham pupils to develop modern language acquisition skills and further equip them for life beyond our school.

Pupils also have the opportunity to learn from specialist music teachers, professional sports coaches and other experts both during the school day and through our expansive extra-curriculum activity programme. A love of learning is maintained through high expectations and pride in the achievements of everyone within the school community.

The school estate already plays a key role in supporting Hotham's learning environment. However, in-line with our constant drive to be better we want our estate and assets to provide more for our school community and have ambitious plans for it to do so. Our new Headteacher will play a leading role in helping to design and deliver those ambitions.

We know that we are a good school, as Ofsted has confirmed, and we believe that an empty space in a Hotham class means a child is missing out on an excellent education. We would like our next Headteacher to build on our proven success and bring visionary leadership, further creativity and invention to an already successful and well supported school.

If your experience and career aspirations match the ambition that we have for our Hotham community, then we warmly welcome you to visit our school and encourage you to apply for this exciting post.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Mitchell

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Chair of Governors

