September 2024

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Principal at Bradstow School and Registered Children’s Home. The school occupies an excellent location in Broadstairs on the Kent coast. The grounds are spacious and offer a wide range of opportunities for our young people. There is therapeutic provision on site, and our fleet of transport means that we make extensive use of the locality and further afield to extend the experiences available to our young people.

We are looking for an outstanding leader with experience as a senior manager within education and residential care. You will be a good communicator and be able to demonstrate experience and understanding of the young people within our care. You will be able to work collaboratively with a wide range of staff, parents, governors and other stakeholders.

The school has faced challenging times recently, particularly in relation to leadership and management, and its residential provision. A recent Ofsted inspection has confirmed, with the exception of leadership and management, all aspects of the educational provision remain outstanding. The school is a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

In agreement with Wandsworth Council the school is now operating as a term time residential school. This has enabled the consolidation of experienced residential staff in fewer, smaller homes. The new Principal will work with the residential management team to continue their journey of improvement to deliver high quality care that enables the young people to develop their skills and independence in a safe and caring environment.

As a result of the changes the school numbers are lower than previously and the interim leadership team are working with Kent County Council to expand the number of day pupils in the school, reflecting their local needs.

This is an exciting opportunity for a visionary leader to take our school forward to the next stage of its development, providing first class care and education to prepare our young people for their future lives.

We encourage all potential applicants to visit before making application. To arrange a visit contact James Lockwood, HR Manager on 01843 862123.

**Please visit our website for information about the School.** [**http://www.bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk**](http://www.bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk)

**To apply for the post please :** **visit** [**https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/**](https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/) **or for further details and for application pack please contact Angela Esson Senior HR Officer, on 020 8871 8272 or** [**csschools@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk**](mailto:csschools@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk%20) **.**

**Completed application forms should be submitted via email to:** [**csschools@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk**](mailto:csschools@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk%20)  **please call 020 8871 8270 and confirm the receipt of your application.**

The Governors wish all the best for your application.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors