

Head of Music at West Lodge School

West Lodge School in Sidcup is looking to recruit a part-time Head of Music for our happy and welcoming school. The successful applicant will have overall responsibility for the coordination and leadership of music across the school for our children aged between 3-11 years of age.

Music has a very high profile at West Lodge and this is an exciting opportunity for a music specialist to manage a team of peripatetic teachers whilst leading and developing the subject. We are a small school with 176 pupils and it is for this reason that this is a part-time role of 2 – 2.5 days per week. In addition to the class teaching responsibility, the successful candidate will arrange formal and informal concerts, lead the orchestra and school choir, support school productions and take a leading role in special assemblies. Promoting music across the school is a key element of the postholder's role because music is a key part of the children's West Lodge experience and the school has a strong tradition of musical excellence.

Applicants should note that there could also be the opportunity to deliver peripatetic lessons to pupils to enhance the role with additional hours, but this is not necessarily a requirement and can be discussed at interview. It should be noted by applicants that there is some flexibility with regard to the role. This is an excellent opportunity for an inspiring and talented teacher.

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- lead, inspire and motivate students and colleagues;
- think and plan strategically;
- teach Music across EYFS -KS2 and to all abilities;
- develop extra-curricular activities to foster a love of the subject;
- offer innovative ideas and strategies for curriculum and subject development;
- be an excellent team player who is passionate about all pupils succeeding and achieving their best;
- be able to organise music exams
- have a genuine passion for teaching and inspiring pupils to learn, to push those who are able and to support those who require more guidance.

Beyond the Classroom

All teachers at West Lodge are expected to contribute fully to the extra-curricular and pastoral life of the school and to liaise closely with parents.

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Information about West Lodge School

West Lodge is an inclusive and non-selective one form entry prep school with a reputation for high academic standards but places much emphasis upon individual pupil progress and breadth of curriculum, hence music being such an important part of school life. The school has a warm and welcoming reputation with a friendly and highly committed team of staff led by a leadership team which greatly values the efforts of all of the staff. West Lodge is a small school with the vision of a much larger educational establishment and a unique atmosphere. We are confident that the successful candidate will thoroughly enjoy being part of our school.

Key dates for applicants

Closing Date: Thursday 25th April (12noon).

Interviews: **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May** or beforehand if strong applications are received.

Reserve Date: Tuesday 14th May



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