



DOWNSEND SCHOOL

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Dear Applicant

Teaching Assistant

Thank you for your interest in the above vacancy.

I am pleased to enclose:

- An application form
- Application guidelines
- A role profile

Downsend is an innovative, forward-thinking independent school, educating children aged 2 – 13 years. Downsend is a thriving and vibrant school which provides a refreshingly different education. The school day starts at 8.30am and finishes at 4.20pm. Our Extended Day provision ends at 5.45pm.



With effect from September 2020, we will welcome Year 9 pupils on site for the first time and, in May 2023, our current Year 8 pupils will be the first Downsend pupils to sit for GCSE examinations. This expansion comes with an £8.5m investment which will see the building of a Creative Arts Centre, due for completion by January 2021.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and skilled Teaching Assistant to cover a member of staff who is shortly going on maternity leave. The hours would be 8.15am – 4.15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. You would be working within the Lower School on our main site in Leatherhead. You will be required to carry out the role of Teaching Assistant to assist in promoting the education, welfare and personal care of pupils whilst having regard for the aims and objectives of the school.

The role profile gives an indication of the tasks and responsibilities involved in this post but can only give a list of duties and cannot fully convey how the school works. Therefore, if you would like further information about the role and responsibilities, please contact Sue Wood on 01372 385419 or sue.wood@downsend.co.uk who will be pleased to discuss it with you.

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The post involves major responsibility for the safeguarding of children. Accordingly this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent', must be declared. All offers of employment are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Please complete the application form and return to me with a covering letter explaining why you consider yourself suitable for this post. You may also send a CV if you wish, but this must be in addition to the application form, not instead of it.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 6 February 2020**. Candidates will be contacted promptly if they have been selected for interview. Interviews will be held in the week beginning **10 February**. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.



Please do contact me if you have any questions, and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Ian Thorpe
Headmaster