



# Britannia

Primary School and Nursery

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Principal: Miss T McKenzie

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for enquiring about the post of EYFS SEN Teaching Assistant at Britannia Primary School and Nursery.

Required from October 2019, we are looking for an EYFS Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant with good communication and written language skills to support the learning of children in our Nursery.

This is a 1 year fixed term post working 20 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 38 weeks per year. You will be required to play lead for 30 minutes each day over the lunchtime period which is included in these hours. The salary range is £18,065 – 18,426 pro rata, (£8066 – £8227 per annum), depending on experience. This is initially a 1 year fixed term contract with the possibility of being made permanent on review.

You will support a child with special educational needs on a 1:1 basis. An understanding of SEN would be beneficial. Empathy, understanding and clear, firm boundaries are essential. You will work with the Nursery teachers and other Teaching Assistants to ensure all children are able to make the most of their learning opportunities, being flexible and creative while building on children's interests, working with small groups as required.

This post would suit applicants who have experience in an educational setting. A GCSE grade C or above (or equivalent) in both Maths and English is essential.

**We offer:-**

- \* A large, successful school with enthusiastic children in a stimulating, friendly learning environment
- \* The opportunity to work with dynamic and forward thinking staff
- \* A friendly, supportive working environment
- \* Access to various professional development opportunities
- \* We have supportive staff, parents and governors.

**Britannia Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS checks required for relevant posts.**

*Visits to the school are welcome to meet the Principal Tracy McKenzie. To arrange a visit or for further information and discussion regarding the post contact: **Michael Hewstone, 01473 728566, [recruitment@britannia.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@britannia.suffolk.sch.uk).***

**Application packs are available from the School website: [www.britannia.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.britannia.suffolk.sch.uk) or by phoning the school office on 01473 728566. CVs are not accepted.**

The school roll is **656**.

Thank you for your interest in Britannia Primary School and Nursery.

Yours faithfully,  
Tracy McKenzie  
Principal  
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### **BRITANNIA PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY**

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Thank you for expressing an interest in the advertised post, we hope the following information will be useful and that you are able to pay us a visit.

#### **The Pupils**

Our children are well motivated to learn and respond well to the school's merit and behaviour management policies. Many children take a very active part in the running of the school from carrying out responsibility tasks to sitting on the school council as well as participating in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

The children are aged from 3 – 11 and come from a wide catchment area which comprises of a large majority of privately owned houses dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century to those built quite recently. There are a small number of rented properties and those owned by housing associations. We have some pupils who attend for short periods of time while they wait re housing. We have many families who have sent several generations of children through the school.

The standard number for admission is 90. Approximately 20% of the school population come from outside the catchment area. There are currently no classes over 30 pupils. The school has less than 10% free school meals, it has an increasing number of pupils with English as an additional language.

#### **Accommodation**

The school, which is situated on the north east side of Ipswich, comprises a variety of architectural styles with a new block of 6 classrooms and additional group room opened in October 2001. The Nursery opened in September 1997 and has its own facilities and outside play area.

In 2007 we opened a new administration area with a support room and in 2008 further provision was made for two new classrooms, an ICT suite and in 2015 a covered outside area was provided for Early Years pupils along with a new Outdoor Nursery Play area and whole school climbing frame.

In 2017 we open our new music pod located in the playground.

There are twenty-one classrooms of differing dimensions and an additional group room for music as well as an area for learning support. In addition to the ICT suite there are additional banks of computers which serve the classrooms, all with internet access as well as three laptop trolleys and i-pad and chrome book provisions. There is an accessible library area.

The main hall is fully equipped for P.E. and is used at lunchtime for school dinners served from the adjacent kitchen as well as packed lunches. There are playgrounds and a large playing field with play equipment purchased by the PTA. Part of the field has been planted with trees, shrubs and bulbs, whilst the gardens at the front and back of the school have been landscaped. There are two 'quiet' areas off the playground for children who prefer this at playtimes.





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### **Staff and Organisation**

We are a large staff organised into phases co-ordinated by phase leaders. The leadership team consists of Phase Leaders, Maths and English Subject leaders, SENCO, Head, Deputy and Assistant Principals and the School Business Manager. A team of HLTAs provide PPA time for teaching staff as well as the teaching of a foreign language.

During the year there are up to 26 teaching staff including a Nursery teacher. The Principal was appointed in September 2013 and Vice Principal who has a part time teaching commitment joined the school in September 2007. We have a good gender and age balance on our staff.

There is Learning Support for Special Needs and Pupil premium children. We also have an I.T. Systems Technician.

### **Curriculum/ Extra-Curricular activities**

Curriculum planning for the year group is shared amongst the team members, although all teachers are expected to plan their own lessons for foundation subjects. Curriculum leaders and phase leaders have the opportunity to monitor the teaching.

Although most of the teaching is class based the children are sometimes organised into sets for some sessions.

The school teaches English and Maths in discrete lessons and many of the foundation lessons are taught through a thematic approach. The Nursery and Reception follow an early year's curriculum. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities which the teaching and non-teaching staff support and we welcome new ideas. Children in year 5 swim off site for one term.

### **Improvement of Parents and Community Links**

The involvement of parents both in the classroom and in supporting the education of their children at home is something, which is actively pursued by the school.

There are close working relationships between the church, local industry and other organisations such as the Police.

There is a Britannia Friends & Family (BFF), which raises significant additional funds for the school during the year and organises numerous social events.

### **The Governing Body**

The Governing Body plays a very active part in the running of the school. Governors visit the school and subject leaders as part of their strategic role.

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