**CLASS TEACHER**

**Garden City Academy**

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**Letter from Cathie Paine, Chief Executive, REAch2 Academy Trust**

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in this role within the REAch2 Academy Trust.

This is a hugely exciting time for our family of schools. The Trust has been recognised by the Department for Education as being well placed to raise standards and achieve excellence for pupils in a growing number of schools nationwide. We are presented with a rare opportunity to make a real difference to the lives and life chances of so many primary school children – many of whom haven’t previously received the educational opportunities they deserve.

The Trust has academies based all across England and includes schools at various stages of development, from those requiring significant improvement through to existing outstanding schools. As a Trust we are clear about the importance of achieving long term sustainability for our schools. Our vision is to enable individual academies to flourish with real autonomy, whilst also ensuring a strong ethos of support and collaboration across our schools.

Teachers within REAch2 belong to a national community of professionals, and benefit from a wide range of networks and development opportunities across the Trust. In time, our best teachers are able to work across schools, develop specialisms and step up to leadership roles within and beyond their own academy. The Trust provides a strong culture of collaboration and support, together with high expectations for staff and pupils alike.

Those we recruit are able to demonstrate that they share our values, are highly motivated to work with colleagues within and beyond their school to continuously develop their skills and pursue professional excellence, and are committed to providing the highest standards of teaching for all children. If that is you then we would be delighted to receive your application.

Catherine Paine

Chief Executive, REAch2 Academy Trust

**The application process and timetable**

You are invited to submit an application form on the teach in herts website.

The candidates selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting and full details of the interview programme will be provided.

REAch2 Academy Trust has an Equal Opportunities Policy for selection and recruitment. Applicants are requested to complete and return the Equal Opportunities Monitoring form separately with their application.

In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy the successful candidate will be required to have an enhanced DBS check.

To arrange an informal discussion please contact Sean English, Headteacher, 01462 621800

Completed application forms should be submitted on line at www.teachinherts.com:

**Background on REAch2**

The REAch2 Academy Trust originated from the successful school improvement and partnership work led by Hillyfield Primary Academy in Waltham Forest, London. The Trust has grown to become a national family of primary academies committed to raising standards and achieving excellence for all pupils, whatever their background or circumstance.

Schools, staff and children within the Trust benefit from a strong ethos of support and collaboration across the REAch2 family. Teachers within REAch2 belong to a national community of professionals, and benefit from a wide range of networks and development opportunities across the Trust.

The Trust is focused on ensuring it supports, develops and empowers its staff so that, in time, our best teachers are able to work across schools, develop specialisms and step up to leadership roles within and beyond their own academy. This underpins our approach to school improvement – including the successful improvements that have been achieved so far in many of our schools that have joined the Trust as sponsored academies.

REAch2 benefits from the involvement of leading educationalists, including our board member Professor John West-Burnham, and strong links to prestigious institutions such as the Institute of Education.

**Our cornerstones and touchstones**

REAch2 is a cornerstone of every academy in the Trust: a strong, responsible foundation providing a solid base, from which every academy can build and grow. Defined by the values of **excellence, quality, delivery and standards** – these features give the Trust its enduring attributes and its inherent reliability.

What gives each REAch2 Academy its uniqueness are the touchstones of the Trust: seven principles which make our Academies distinctive. Just as 500 years ago touchstones were used to test the quality of the gold they marked, so too our touchstones find what is precious and set these things apart. They are used to express the values and ethos of the Trust and describe what the Trust wants to be known for and how it wishes to operate.

The touchstones are:

* **Learning**: children and adults will flourish in their learning and through learning discover a future that is worth pursuing;
* **Leadership**: we aspire to an unwavering emphasis on the highest quality of leadership at all levels. The Trust seeks out talent, develops potential and spots the “possible” in people as well as the “actual”.
* **Enjoyment**: children deserve enjoyment in their learning and the pleasure that comes from absorption in a task and achieving their goals. Providing contexts for learning which are relevant, motivating and engaging will release in children their natural curiosity, fun and determination.
* **Inspiration**: inspiration breathes energy and intent into our schools: through influential experiences of people and place, children are compelled to believe that no mountain is too high and that nothing is impossible.
* **Inclusion**: we celebrate the economic, social and religious differences that serving a range of communities across the country brings and we encourage diversity. Embracing inclusion, particularly those children with special education needs, ensures that the Trust serves all and believes everyone can and must succeed.
* **Responsibility:** we take accountability seriously and by being responsible for every child, we act judiciously with control and care. We don’t make excuses, but mindfully answer for actions and continually seek to make improvements.
* **Integrity:** we are a trust that has a strong moral purpose. As a Trust we recognise that we lead by example and if we want children to grow up behaving appropriately

and with integrity then we must model this behaviour. We welcome the fact that all our decisions and actions are open to scrutiny.

**You can learn more about the touchstones, and hear from staff and pupils across REAch2 schools, at our website: www.reach2.org**

**Job Description and Personal Specification**

**Post:** Primary School Teacher

**Salary:**  Main Pay Scale/Upper Pay Scale

**Responsible to:** Headteacher

**Job Purpose To work with colleagues and children to create the best possible learning environment and to enable all children to achieve the highest standards possible**

**Key Responsibility Areas**

**The Main Duties and Responsibilities of the post are:**

This job is to be performed in accordance with the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document.

**Achievement:**

* To ensure all pupils make good progress from their starting points
* To close the achievement gap for any underperforming groups of pupils
* To ensure that all pupils aspire towards national age-related expectations or above

**Teaching:**

* To be a motivated, enthusiastic quality teacher.
* To deliver the school’s curriculum, including new educational initiatives, and use a wide range of teaching styles which take into account the diverse demands of children’s learning thereby supporting the ethos of the school.
* To plan according to the school’s policy, work which addresses the wide range abilities and enables all pupils to achieve their full potential.
* To acknowledge and identify children’s needs in accordance to the school’s SEN policy
* To mark, record and assess pupil’s work in accordance with the relevant school’s policies.
* To keep records of achievement in accordance with the school’s policies.
* To support the Headship Team in all areas of agreed school policy and practice.
* To communicate to SLT any areas of concern.
* To co-ordinate a named curriculum area or aspect, reviewed annually.

**Other Expectations**

* To create a stimulating and well-organised environment in which all children develop academically, emotionally, physically and socially.
* To develop a wide range of pupil’s skills and encourage independence.
* To provide opportunities for pupils to present their work in a variety of ways.
* To create an atmosphere that encourages care and concern for others and their environment, whilst promoting self-confidence, self-esteem and self-control. To uphold high standards of discipline and show consistency in dealing with children’s behaviour, whilst understanding the needs of the individual. To be responsible for the discipline of all children in the school as needs arise and act according to the school’s Behaviour Policy.
* To write records of and reports on the personal and social needs of pupils.
* To maintain a positive relationship with parents.
* To meet with and consult with parents of pupils regularly.
* To liaise with external agencies.
* To maintain confidentiality where appropriate.
* To be aware of, and follow the school’s Safeguarding policy and procedures
* To implement the school’s Health and Safety Procedures as outlined in the school’s policy
* To keep up to date with current educational issues and further one’s own professional development.
* To participate in self-evaluation and performance management.
* To provide basic first aid and seek assistance when necessary.
* To participate in and contribute to staff meetings and training.
* To be concerned with the general welfare of the children and report any concerns of safeguarding children to the designated person.
* To participate in the supervision of students in training when required.
* To undertake any other duties as directed by the Head

**This job description will be informed by the Pay and Conditions document and will be reviewed annually.**

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Evidence** |
| Qualifications | Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) | Further continuous Professional DevelopmentFirst aid trainingTeam Teach training | Application Form |
| Experience | Proven ability as an excellent trainee teacher or classroom teacherAbility to build relationships and work within a team of professionals | Proven record of successful subject leadershipExperience in supporting children with EAL and SEN including BSED needs | Application Form |
| Professional Knowledge, Skills and Understanding | Knowledge of what constitutes good or better teaching and learningInclusion and best practice for engaging all learnersHigh expectations related to appropriate rates of pupil progress and attainmentWhat constitutes successful and appropriate relationships with childrenBasic child protection practiceEffective organisational skillsAbility to build supportive relationships with parents and carers.Ability to deal positively with challenging behaviour | An understanding of the new Ofsted framework and descriptorsTeam teach or similar de-escalation trainingExtra-curricular qualification/sports coaching accreditation | Letter of applicationInterview |
| Curriculum | National curriculum, relevant programmes of study and assessment strategiesSound ICT skills | Knowledge of statutory assessments at KS1 and KS2 (SATs)Experience of working with a successful integrated curriculumAn understanding of the changes informing the National Curriculum. | Letter of applicationInterview |
| Professional Values | High expectationsLearning should be engaging and inspiringDeveloping positive learning behavioursCommitment to the personal welfare and safeguarding of children | Support for enriched curriculum through out of hours learning and educational visits | Letter of applicationInterview |

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| Personal Qualities | Displays sensitivity in dealing with childrenOpen minded, self-evaluative and adaptable to changeWillingness to be involved in the wider life of the schoolAbility to prioritiseGood interpersonal and communication skillsA willingness to learn and the will to continue to strive for excellence | Demonstrate a commitment to environmentally-friendly and sustainable work practicesBrings personal interest and enthusiasms to the school communityAspirational and driven to be a future leader. | Letter of applicationInterviewReference |