



Brindishe
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Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Thursday 24th November 2022

Friday 25th November INSET DAY – School Closed to children

Starting primary school in 2023 - advice and support for Lewisham families

Event

Lewisham are excited to announce that they are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process. They will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

This will be on Wednesday 14 December from 9am-6pm at Catford Library.

Primary schools and Early Years providers – Please see the below link where you can find out more and book a space if you are interested – Lewisham have broken up the day into four timed sessions and some may be more popular than others.

[Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library](#)

Email reminders

Don't forget you can also sign up for weekly emails – these go out weekly every Tuesday with tips, advice, and reminders and have been very useful for parents in the past.

[Sign up for weekly emails about applying for a primary school place in 2023](#)





Cost-of-living support

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Each week we will aim to provide some support and information here to help support our families.

Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#) website.

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Parental Controls

Does your child have a game console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>





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Brindishe Green Teaching Assistant with specific experience of EYFS

- Salary: scale 3 (points 5 – 6) at £26,193 – £26,625 p.a. pro-rata
- (This equates to £22,902 p.a. for 39 weeks of the year, paid in monthly instalments all year round)
- Hours: 35 per week, typically 8.30am – 4.30pm working in school during term times only
- The post is full time and is subject to satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are recruiting for a full time Teaching Assistant at Brindishe Green School starting in January 2023.

Rated Outstanding, Brindishe Green is a large and diverse Lewisham Local Authority Primary School providing an exciting education for children aged 3 –11 years in Hither Green, SE London. We are a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo, London Bridge mainline station or a 10-minute walk from Lewisham DLR.

At Brindishe Green we are looking for applicants who have experience of working with our youngest children either within the primary school or across other educational settings.

For the right candidate, we also have the option to progress in a teaching career and train as a qualified teacher through a salaried scheme. We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued.

Our big 5: Curious, Compassionate, Collaborative, Confident, Committed are embedded in all we do and enhanced through a rich and varied curriculum.

We are looking for a well-educated, flexible and confident person who is looking for a role in which they can make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families.

The post involves:

- Promoting children's learning, safety and well-being
- Assisting class teachers within the EYFS
- Helping to make and maintain a positive, organised, efficient learning environment

We are looking for someone who:

- has experience of working within EYFS in a school or educational setting
- has secure phonics understanding
- can read and write fluently, have very good spelling and are confident in maths (at least GCSE or equivalent in maths and English)
- can demonstrate quiet self-confidence, common sense and maturity
- use IT confidently
- may be able to bring an additional skill or strength to our schools (eg, art, dance, yoga, sport, photography, music, cookery, keep-fit)

Further Information

Complete an application form and return to rwaite@brindisheschools.org. If you would like to visit to look around or have a conversation about the role before applying please phone Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher on 07508 868726. Please apply by midday on Friday 2nd December 2022. Interviews will be held week commencing 5th December 2022.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 45

UNICEF can provide expert advice and assistance on children's rights.

Have you ever considered how UNICEF helps children around the world?

UNICEF...

- helps governments make sure that all children have an education
- supports communities to have access to clean water and nutritious food
- helps to support good health care systems in lower income countries
- distributes vaccines to protect children from a wide range of diseases and infections
- works to make child protection stronger where countries or organisations need help with this
- helps governments all around the world to look at how children's rights are being met and helps them improve the situation for children
- provides help for children when there is an emergency situation such as an earthquake, hurricane or tsunami
- provides help for children if there is a war to make sure children are looked after
- supports refugee families in a variety of ways
- works within the United Nations and with governments and civil society to make sure children's lives and views are visible and taken into account
- in the UK promotes children's rights through the Baby Friendly Initiative, Rights Respecting Schools Award and Child Friendly Cities and Communities programme
- in the UK and other high income countries it raises funds to support UNICEF's work around the world
- speaks to politician and decision makers to protect and promote children's rights

Watch [this video](#) with your child at home. See how many rights you can count.



Key Federation Dates

- INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25th November
- End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022
- Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15th January 2022
- Primary offer day – Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)



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Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Autumn 2	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 6 th December 2022, 6pm
Spring 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 th February 2023, 6pm
Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm