

Primary Play Leader



# About Ark

Ark is an education charity set up in 2004 to create a network of high achieving, non-selec- tive, inner-city schools where all pupils, regardless of their background or prior attainment, achieve highly enough by age 18 to have real choices: to go on to university or the career of their choice. Ark has no faith affiliations.

All ARK schools are situated in areas of high deprivation or educational need and our pupil profile reflects this: over half of our pupils are eligible for free school meals compared to 18% nationally.

The ARK network operates 39 schools in the UK across London, Portsmouth, Birmingham,   
 and Hastings. Each of our schools has its own distinctive character, reflecting its local community.

#### A Commitment to Encourage Diversity

Ark is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. Our aim is that our workforce will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best.

To that end we are committed to provide equality and fairness for all in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.



# About Ark John Keats Academy

Ark John Keats was founded in 2013 with one class of reception children. We are now a fully-fledged all-through school, running from nursery to year 13, with over 1800 children. Our school is oversubscribed, with a waiting list for every year group. Our community is composed of supportive and committed families who buy into our vision and work with us to ensure their children achieve all they are capable of in the future.

We aspire for all our children to have the academic knowledge necessary to enable them to progress to university, for pupils to have a love of learning and curiosity about the world, and for them to be polite, well-mannered young people who take responsibility for their choices and drive their own destinies. Our core values underpin everything we do:

#### Kindness, Effort, Aspiration, Tenacity, and Success

At Ark John Keats, we aspire for all our children to gain the academic knowledge necessary to progress to university, to develop a love of learning and curiosity about the world, and to become polite, well-mannered young people who take responsibility for their choices and drive their own destinies**.** The academy`s approach to achieving this is based on our six pillars:

#### High Expectations

Every adult who works at AJK believes in the limitless potential of all children.

#### Excellent Teaching

Subject specialists rigorously plan lessons which make pupils work hard and think deeply about the subject, fostering their curiosity and love of learning.

#### Exemplary Behaviour

Pupils are unfailingly polite and well-mannered individuals who take responsibility for their own actions and seek to help others whenever they can.

#### Depth for Breadth

Our rich, challenging curriculum builds pupils cultural capital to ensure they can all

knowledgeable, articulate and university ready.

#### Knowing Every Child

Our teachers know and care about every child they interact with, proactively building strong and positive relationships between school and home.

#### Always Learning

Our continuous professional development, co-planning meetings and coaching ensure teachers feel both stretched and supported, able to develop as teachers and leaders in a long-term career at Ark John Keats Academy.

# Welcome from the Principal



Dear Candidate,

I am delighted to introduce you to Ark John Keats Academy: an all-through school in Enfield with a mixed comprehensive intake. Our mission is to ensure our pupils lead a life of genuine choice and can drive their own destinies because they have a rigorous

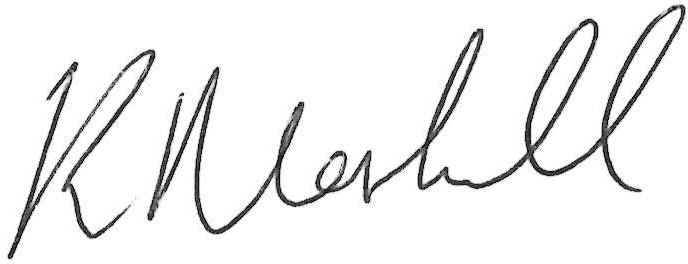
academic curriculum, which is well taught, and because they know that kindness, effort, aspiration and tenacity lead to success. We are a member of the successful Ark network of schools and are proud to serve the young people and families in our community here in Enfield.

We opened our doors to our first reception classes in September 2013 and our first cohort of year 7 pupils joined us in September 2014. We currently have over 1800 pupils enrolled from nursery to year 13 and are oversubscribed in every year group. Our teaching staff are experts in their subject areas and all staff at the academy share a commitment to upholding the highest expectations.

We have created an academy that is renowned for its calm, orderly and purposeful environment, where pupils behave maturely and respectfully and enjoy the rich experiences that we offer. As a result, our students secure excellent academic outcomes, become kind and well-rounded young people, and go on to impressive destinations (on average over 65% of our students go on to one to study at a top third university in the U.K.). The academy was graded good in all areas in our Ofsted inspection of January 2023, and we are committed to building on this foundation to ensure that every aspect of our school is truly excellent.

This is a fantastic place to develop your career and to make a positive contribution to the lives of young people. We are looking for talented and dedicated staff, who are ambitious for our pupils as well as themselves, to join us in this next phase of our development.

Kind regards,



Katie Marshall, Principal



**Ark John Keats Academy**

**Primary Play Leader**

**Location:** Enfield – easily accessible from central, north, and east London, as well as surrounding areas.

**Salary:** Ark Support Scale band 1: Pay Point 2 (pro rata) £6,032.52 which is based on the full time equivalent of £25,247.00.

**Working pattern:** Part Time 11.30-13.30 (2 hours per day) Term Time Only.

**Contract:** Permanent

**Start date:** September 2024

**Closing date:** 3rd June 2024 at 09.00am

*We will be reviewing applications on an on-going basis and this advert may close earlier than advertised depending on the level of response.*

**Interviews**: Interviews will take place w.c. 10th June 2024.

Interviews will be held on a rolling basis.

**Ark John Keats is an exceptional school looking to hire exceptional people.**

**About the role:**

As Play Leader, you will supervise students during lunch breaks, initiating positive play and ensuring that the health and safety and wellbeing of the children is always maintained, in order to create a purposeful, positive and inclusive learning environment under the overall direction of the vice principal.

**You will:** 

* Undertake playground duties from reception to Year 6.
* Supervise play by circulating amongst pupils!
* Ensure the pupils have a safe and fun playtime, organising games and helping to settle issues that arise.
* Supervise pupils in designated area, other than playground, during wet weather.
* Attend to minor accidents.
* Support the effective operation of the team by demonstrating flexibility and co-operation.
* Undertake training as required at the school or at an alternative venue.
* Report to Vice Principal providing regular feedback in order to care for the safety and well-being of the pupils.

**About our school:**

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Ark John Keats is part of Ark Schools, a hugely successful network serving pupils from deprived communities. Our network shares a belief in our six pillars, find out about them [here](https://arkjohnkeats.org/vision-and-values).

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit [www.arkjohnkeatsorg](http://www.arkjohnkeatsorg).

**We offer:**

* Twice the number of training days as standard.
* Access to Ark Rewards scheme offering up to £1,000 a year in savings from over 3,000 major retailers.
* Interest-free loans of up to £5,000 available for season tickets or a bicycle.
* Gym discounts offering up to 40% off your local gym.

**How to get to us?**

**Travelling by rail from central London**: Our nearest overground station, Turkey Street, is a 10-minute walk from the school and stops at Seven Sisters, Stoke Newington, and Hackney Downs on the way to Liverpool Street. National Rail services are also a 10-minute walk and stop at Tottenham Hale and Hackney Downs before finishing at Liverpool Street.

**Travelling by car**: We are easily reached by car, with most of Northeast London accessible within 30 minutes. There is free on-site parking for staff.

**How to apply:**

Please find the role on [www.arkjohnkeats.org/vacancies](http://www.arkjohnkeats.org/vacancies) and submit an application. We will be reviewing applications on an on-going basis and this advert may close earlier than advertised depending on the level of response.

For further information or to arrange a discussion, contact us at [recruitment@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org](mailto:recruitment@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org).

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**Job Description: Primary Play Leader**

**Reports to: Primary Vice Principal**

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**The Role**

As Play Leader, you will supervise students during lunch breaks, initiating positive play and ensuring that the health and safety and wellbeing of the children is always maintained, to create a purposeful, positive, and inclusive learning environment.

**Key responsibilities**

* To support individuals and groups of pupils to help them make rapid academic progress.
* To support teachers, parents, and other colleagues to help create an effective and purposeful learning environment.

**Outcomes and Activities**

**General supervision and play**

* Supervise behaviour and lead playground activities, including supervising play inside the classroom in the event of bad weather.
* Contribute to the overall ethos, work and aims of the school!
* Establish good relationships with all students.
* Ensure children play safely and kindly.
* Ensure excellent student behaviour is maintained by maintaining a presence around the academy and by consistent application of the academy’s behaviour policy.
* Understand and apply school policies in relation to health, safety, and welfare of students.
* Deal with injuries and emergencies and administer basic first aid, keeping records of incidents.

**Dinning Room Support**

* Supervise student movement to ensure all have access to midday meals provision at the correct time and in the correct place.
* Ensure orderly and calm lunchtime eating, including the supervision of queues and student behaviour within the dining area and around the academy.
* Ensure the students take responsibility for the cleanliness of tables and clearing of trays during the lunchtime period, supporting them when required.
* As part of a team, manage supervision of students in the playground.
* Engage the children in fun learning and play activities.

**Other**

* Actively promote the safety and welfare of our children and young people
* Ensure compliance with Ark’s data protection rules and procedures.
* Liaise with colleagues and external contacts at all levels of seniority with confidence, tact and diplomacy.
* Work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to establish good practice throughout the network, offering support where required

**Academy Culture**

* To support the academy’s values and ethos by contributing to the development and implementation of policies, practices, and procedures
* To help create a strong academy community, characterised by consistent, orderly behaviour and caring, respectful relationships.
* To help develop a school/department culture and ethos that is utterly committed to achievement and good discipline.
* To be alert and active on issues relating to pupil welfare and child protection
* To support the enrichment programme

This job description is not an exhaustive list, and you will be expected to carry out any other reasonable tasks as directed by your line manager.

**Person Specification: Primary Play Leader**

**Qualification Criteria**

* Right to work in UK
* Degree in or related subject
* Maths and English GCSE or equivalent at level 4 or above.

**Knowledge, skills, and Experience**

* Experience in a similar role within a school or the education sector (desirable)
* Able to help implement the necessary routines and patterns to establish good behaviour management within the school.
* Able to contribute to overall school behaviour records and provide feedback.
* Ability to deal with minor incidents, first aid, and the personal health and hygiene of students.
* Strong communication skills with adults and children
* Highly organised and efficient; capable of multi-tasking and working at pace.
* Able to use initiative and imagination to devise games and play for children.
* Must be able to meet the physical demands of the role.

**Behaviours**

* Genuine passion for and a belief in the potential of every pupil
* A robust awareness of keeping children safe, noticing safeguarding and welfare concerns, and you understand how and when to take appropriate action.
* Belief that every student should have access to an excellent education regardless of background.
* Professional outlook, detailed orientated and able to multitask and meet deadlines.
* A team player that can work collaboratively as well as using own initiative.
* Calm and professional under pressure
* Understanding of the importance of confidentiality and discretion
* Flexible attitude towards work and demonstrates sound judgement.

**Other**

* Right to work in the UK
* Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
* Willingness to undertake training.
* This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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**For further information or to arrange a discussion, contact us at**

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