



Primary Music Practitioner

Ark is an international education charity and one of the UK's most successful school groups with 39 schools in four locations; Birmingham, Hastings, London and Portsmouth. Additionally, in partnership with Hammersmith & Fulham Council (LBHF), we are launching EdCity; a £150m investment project which includes an education hub, affordable homes, a modern office building, and improved community facilities in White City – all located together on a single estate. This is a great time to join a thriving and proactive organisation making a difference to the lives of thousands of young people.

At Ark, we believe that a life enriched by art, culture and heritage is a right, not a privilege. We know that when pupils are physically and mentally healthy, and when they are provided opportunities which offer moments of joy, engender belonging and develop connection with themselves and others they are more likely to engage with and participate in school life and the wider community.

Ark is one of the only multi academy trusts in the country to include a team dedicated to quality music education as part of its commitment to curriculum excellence. Music is a core part of life in many of our schools. Designed to build confidence, ability and harness a life-long love of a variety of music, the Ark Music Programme offers a wealth of experience for all pupils at all levels.

We are looking for a talented **Primary Music Practitioner** to work with Ark primary academies to ensure that teaching and learning in music is of the highest quality, and that pupil attainment is outstanding. Through the delivery of model teaching, team teaching and coaching you will work with teachers to inspire pupils to participate in, excel at and enjoy a range of music-making activities within the classroom and beyond. You will play a key role in raising the profile of music making across our academies and in developing a music provision for our young people which is first-class.

Job Description: Primary Music Practitioner

Reports to: Network Primary Music Specialist

Location: White City, London

Contract: FTC 1 year

Pattern: Full Time (standard hours 9am – 5.30pm) *Equivalent of four days will be based in schools across our Network, one day with our team in the White City office*

Salary: £29,000 to £32,000 (depending on experience)

About the role:

With direction from the Network Primary Music Specialist, the Primary Music Practitioner will support our teachers in developing the tools needed to access the Ark Music Curriculum for Primary schools to ensure that teaching and learning in music is of the highest quality, and that pupil attainment is outstanding.

The Primary Music Practitioner will help teachers to inspire their pupils to participate in, excel at and enjoy a range of music-making activities within the classroom and beyond. Through the delivery of model teaching, team teaching and coaching, the Primary Music Practitioner will support our teachers in developing the tools needed to teach great music lessons and in so doing, ensure that music is a core part of the fiber of our schools. Part of this role will also encompass supporting the Network Primary Specialist with curriculum development as well as Primary Music Network Events and Enrichment.

Key responsibilities:

- Deliver Ark Music's programme of professional development to classroom teachers, ensuring that teaching and learning in music are of the highest standard (coaching, mentoring, model and team teaching)
- Work alongside the Network Primary Music Specialist to develop and review our network primary music curriculum, ensuring that it continues to be relevant and meets the needs of our teachers and their pupils
- Support the Network Primary Music Specialist in shaping events to support both enrichment and classroom music learning of our pupils
- Develop and maintain strong collaborative relationships across the primary network
- Work to raise the profile of music-making in school and across the Ark Network
- Support broader music programme training, rehearsals and network events

Person Specification: Primary Music Practitioner

Qualifications

- Educated to degree level; strong music education background including music degree (or equivalent) and above

Knowledge & Skills

- Outstanding teacher; a reflective classroom practitioner
- Evidence of raising attainment and participation of all pupils within a range of schools
- Experience of observing and feeding back to others at different stages in pursuit of increased student achievement in music
- Evidence of designing inclusive curriculum pathways reflective of a broad range of strategies
- Expert knowledge of music education at primary level (including Early Years); up to date knowledge of the current music curriculum and assessment requirements

Personal Qualities

- Positive and motivated
- Reflective and emotionally literate
- Highly collaborative and open to feedback
- Enjoy working flexibly and in response to emergent needs
- Ability to work methodically/multi-task
- Excellent communication, interpersonal skills and ability to motivate others
- An approach to behaviour management which seeks to understand the needs driving the behaviour of individual children

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

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its academies. In order to meet this responsibility, its academies follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Ark requires all employees to undertake an enhanced DBS check. You are required, before appointment, to disclose any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal background will not necessarily debar you from employment - this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred. To read more about Ark's safer recruitment process, please click this [link](#).