

Headteacher L8 – L11 £47,735 - £51,486 Permanent Full-time

To start: September 2019

Closing date for applications: Monday 25th February 2019

Interview date: Thursday 7th March 2019

We are looking for an exceptional and highly motivated new Headteacher to join our fantastic nursery.

Lydalls is an Outstanding maintained nursery school that has been on our current site (on Lydalls Road, near Didcot Parkway station) for over 70 years'. Didcot is a rapidly changing and developing Garden Town, with strong transport links to London and surrounds, approximately ten miles south of Oxford. In the longer-term, there is the potential to relocate to new facilities in the town.

We're a large nursery school with 120 part time places for 3-5 year olds and 16 part time places for 2-3 year olds. Our friendly, close-knit team are specialists in Early Years education. We believe we offer a unique environment where we develop happy, considerate and self-confident children and inspire them to discover that learning is fascinating, meaningful and fun. This was reflected in our 2017 Outstanding Ofsted rating which recognised that:

"Children feel secure in the nurturing environment and display an excellent attitude to accessing new learning experiences" Ofsted, 2017

We seek a strong leader with a proven, child centred approach (such as the ability to drink numerous pretend cups of tea) and the ability to challenge, motivate, support and plan ahead at a time of change for Early Years and our nursery. We seek a team player with a passion for teaching and learning, the drive to continue to raise standards and a clear vision for the future of Lydalls.

You must also have the ability to read a story, upside down, with perhaps a few interruptions!

We encourage you to come for an informal visit and see just how special Lydalls is, by arranging with the school office on 01235 813137 between 9.00am and 2.30pm.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and all appointments are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check. We will, whenever possible, seek references before interview.

This post is exempt from Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974, as the duties give access to persons who are under the age of 18. Applicants are not entitled to withhold information about convictions, which would be regarded as spent for other purposes.

Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, for an information pack and application form please telephone the school office on 01235 813137 or e-mail office.1017@lydallsnurs.oxon.sch.uk