

Sciennes Primary School



We are looking for an inspiring, caring and committed Depute Head Teacher who will join our Team at Sciennes Primary School and St Leonard's Nursery.

At Sciennes and St Leonard's, we are committed to ensuring every child grows up loved, safe and respected. We want every child to receive an education which develops their personality, talents, mind and body so they can reach their fullest potential (Article 28 and 29 UNCRC). Our skilled staff team, engaged families and motivated learners work together to ensure that we live by our school motto of Believe, Achieve.

Our school first opened its doors in 1892. Now in 2024, we provide high quality learning experiences for over 650 children in our Victorian building, newly built annexe designed with Passivhaus technology, and in St Leonard's, our off site Nursery, based in the Pleasance.

Our school ethos is based on equality. We are one of very few schools who have achieved a Gold Rights Respecting School Award twice. We hold the LGBT Silver Charter's School Award which is the highest accolade that can be achieved by a primary school. Our longstanding collaboration with the Children's Parliament has resulted in our learners contributing to a three year project on Sustainability. We have entered into a partnership with SCOTDEC who are strengthening our approach to anti-racist education.

In our nursery we aim to give the children the best start in life by providing a safe, happy, stimulating environment in which to play and learn. Our positive relationships among children, families and staff ensure we provide quality play based learning opportunities which develop children's skills and talents.

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Our children's success is a key priority for us. We have very high attainment in Literacy and Numeracy. Our approach to planning is based on stage collaboration which is then tailored to meet the needs of individual learners. We have a strong team who provide bespoke interventions to children and families to make sure they receive the right support, at the right time.

We are looking for a Depute Head Teacher who will work to ensure every child can claim their right to an education. Working across the Primary School (P1 and P2) and our nursery St Leonard's, you will have the skills required to lead the Early Years and will be committed to promoting Health and Wellbeing. Applicants will be committed to raising attainment. As a skilled practitioner, the successful candidate will be able to transfer their own high standards and knowledge of pedagogy to colleagues as a means of developing high quality learning and teaching.

The successful candidate will have strong leadership skills and will demonstrate an ability to direct, motivate and support others. They will have experience of leading and involving stakeholders in whole school improvement.

We are looking for someone who is nurturing, compassionate and invested in children, families and staff. Your values will be underpinned by the UNCRC and GIRFEC and you will play a key role in raising attainment through capacity building, support for learners and working with partners. This will be achieved by demonstrating effective communication skills which align with the GTC Standards and the City of Edinburgh Council Behaviours of Respect, Integrity and Flexibility.