

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **OUR SCHOOL**

#### **How many children do you have in your school?**

We are a large 4 form entry school with just under a thousand pupils, 975 at the last count in Spring 2017.

#### **What is your staffing structure like?**

Every year group has a team leader and our school is split into 4 key stages – *EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2* – each led by a key stage leader. The key stage leaders form the Senior Management Team alongside the Senior Leadership Team consisting of 3 Assistant Headteachers, 2 Deputy Headteachers and the Headteacher together.

### **CURRICULUM**

#### **What kind of curriculum do you teach at Central Park?**

We provide a personalised curriculum, delivered through innovative teaching to challenge and engage our pupils beyond the basic skills. Our non-core subjects are delivered through an overall topic. We aim to make the curriculum as culturally and locality relevant as possible to our community, using the local area as much as possible.

#### **Which reading scheme do you use in your school?**

We use the RWI reading scheme for EYFS and KS1 as well as pupils in KS2 who require extra support with their phonics.

#### **Which numeracy scheme do you use in your school?**

We have adopted many of the approaches used in Singapore / Shanghai following visits to both places by the Headteacher. Maths No Problem helps us plan our teaching of maths.

#### **What is the school's approach to teaching and learning?**

Our school's approach to teaching and learning can be found on the policies page. We have a set of high impact strategies we incorporate into our teaching. Assessment for Learning is at the heart of our approach.

### **TEACHING**

#### **Why teach at Central Park Primary School?**

We invest heavily in staff well-being, professional development and encourage staff to work in teams both formally and informally. Staff feedback on Central Park describes as being 'one big family'. Our pupils are well behaved and respond well to learning challenges. Our local community are very supportive and proud of the school where they send their children.

**How is PPA time arranged in Central Park?**

PPA is arranged on a ½ day basis per week while year group teams are released together termly for a day to plan and prepare for the following term.

**How affordable is accommodation and property in the local area?**

A number of our staff live in Newham. The majority of our new teaching staff, if not already living locally, have found affordable property in the Stratford Olympic Village area and Beckton area of the borough. We are happy to recommend reputable estate and lettings agents to people should they require this information.

**Is there flexibility in the class I am assigned to teach or work in?**

You are seen as a primary practitioner at Central Park and could have the opportunity of teaching from Nursery to Year 6 with the scope to change flexibly your class from year to year based on school plan priorities, your experience, strengths and preferences.

**ACCESSIBILITY AND PARKING****Is Central Park easily accessible via public transport?**

Central Park is easily accessible by buses; buses 104 on Central Park Road and 58, 5, 115 and 147 via the Barking Road. We are within walking distance to both Upton Park and East Ham tube stations on the District Line and Hammersmith & City Line.

**Is there parking in the local area?**

Central Park is in a controlled parking zone (CPZ); as is much of Newham now. New teachers who join our school are eligible for support to obtain full business parking permits in their first year that allows them not only to park in the vicinity of our school but also in all controlled parking zones of the borough.

**Are there parking facilities at the school?**

We have a small car park with 16 spaces available. These are allocated and reviewed in September every academic year by governors based on physical disability, seniority of role, and distance from school.

**Are all floors of your school accessible?**

All the floors of our school are accessible by lift for staff or pupils who are physically challenged.

**COLLABORATION****Do you collaborate with other schools?**

We work closely with our local cluster of primary schools and a secondary school; however, we also have many links with schools in and out of borough.