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Dear Applicant

I am very proud to have been the Headteacher of Greenslade Primary School for 28 years. I love working in this warm, creative and supportive atmosphere at the heart of our community. I lead a group of wonderful, aspiring and committed colleagues determined to achieve the highest possible outcomes for our children and families.

We are a successful, friendly, and vibrant inner city school with a diverse balance of amazing children. Our size, a one form entry primary school with a Nursery, enables relationships to be a great strength. The welcoming, inclusive nature of our very supportive community enables everyone to feel truly valued and respected. Our children love learning. They are motivated, independent, work hard and behave well.

We are incredibly well supported by our parents and carers who engage in a wide range of activities that continually develop and enhance our children's learning. From our Reception up to Year 6, our families are fully involved in moving our children forward both socially and academically. We are developing a wide range of after school activities including multi sports clubs, football clubs, drama, gymnastics and homework learning clubs. Music is a great strength and our children also love to sing with skill and gusto! They play recorders, guitars and ukeleles. We are also very proud of our choir. We support our families by running a very successful Breakfast and After School Club.

We are inspired by our ambitious curriculum, which we are constantly reviewing and adapting for the needs of our children. We have linked much of our Literacy work to these inspiring, relevant learning activities and our children love the variety and creativity our curriculum provides. Over recent years we have focussed our endeavours on introducing a phonics scheme and a love of reading across the school. We have also further developed our understanding and application of "mastery" and Rosenshine's principles of instruction. Children learn collaboratively whenever possible and speaking and listening, questioning, problem solving and thinking logically are all at the heart of learning at Greenslade. Our children relish learning in our ICT suite as well as using laptops and Ipads. Our aim is for children to stay motivated, independent lifelong learners. We hope that the successful candidate will help us to further develop this area of our work.

This role involves daily contact with children and therefore includes regulated activity. We work extremely hard to keep our children safe and are committed to promoting their welfare and wellbeing. All candidates will be expected to be part of our safeguarding training programme and safeguarding checks will be undertaken for the successful candidate. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to online searches as part of our due diligence checks.

We are extremely inclusive and are determined that all our children receive the best quality provision so they achieve at the highest possible levels. We have a wonderful and well-deserved reputation for successfully supporting vulnerable children and those with special needs. I am really proud of the progress these children make and the way they are included in everything we do.

Greenslade is an amazing place to learn, come and see us and find out!

*David Ashley*. Headteacher