



Little Ardvreck P1 and P2 Teacher

Ardvreck is the best boarding and day prep school in Scotland. We enjoy a proud tradition of providing boys and girls from 3-13 with a balanced, challenging and all-round education. We accept pupils at any age in this range and make newcomers very welcome in our small community. We are a Prep School: we prepare children for life.

At Ardvreck Independent Preparatory School, we have an exciting opportunity for the right person to join us in our Pre-prep school "Little Ardvreck". We adopt a child-centred approach to early learning in Little Ardvreck and are seeking to recruit an experienced primary teacher to lead exciting and creative learning, both in the classroom and outdoors in our extensive grounds.

The lessons taught in school provide the compass for life's journey. We see this as an academic journey enriched by intellect, thought and a lifelong love of learning. Children are naturally curious, inquisitive and thoughtful. Our pupils ask questions about all aspects of their world. We nurture, encourage and develop this spirit of inquiry into all areas of their daily lives. We expect the successful candidate to create a high quality, rich, stimulating and enabling learning environment that will capture pupils' attention and interest, and lead to a natural curiosity to drive their independent exploration.

Little Ardvreck is situated within the main classroom building but enjoys access to a self-contained outside garden area as well as wooded areas and open space contained in the wider school grounds. We have a P1/2 classroom area and a Montessori nursery class area. We provide opportunities for both classes to learn together through shared topics and themes, as well as visits to the local area and further afield to enhance the learning experiences of pupils.

The successful candidate, through their dynamic and inspirational teaching, will:

- Enable young children to make good progress in their learning by building upon the skills they have when they join the school in our nursery or P1/2 class;
- Assist all pupils to develop emotional security, self-belief and mature social skills;
- Assist all children to develop a love of learning and an excitement about the opportunities which lie ahead.

We believe effective planning of learning is essential to a progressive and well-paced learning experience for pupils. At Little Ardvreck we expect the successful candidate to collaboratively plan, with other practitioners, rich and stimulating learning activities that achieve good progression in pupils' understanding by:

- Identifying clear learning objectives and learning content, appropriate to the subject matter and the pupils being taught;
- Setting exciting and intriguing tasks for whole class learning, small group learning and self-initiated, exploratory learning;
- Setting clear targets for pupils' learning that build on prior attainment;
- Ensuring that learning is appropriately differentiated so that the learning is well suited to learning styles and all pupils are challenged at their current level of understanding.

The successful candidate will make effective use of assessment information on pupils' attainment and progress when teaching, and in planning future learning. They should have an in-depth knowledge of the principles of formative assessment, and have these embedded in their everyday practice to support and challenge learners appropriately. They will assess how well learning objectives have been achieved and use this information to improve specific aspects of teaching and learning to impact positively upon pupils and their learning. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining good organisation and accurate assessments in pupil profiles so that they offer a clear record of pupils' progress. As P1/2 teacher in little Ardvreck, a familiarity with the statutory assessment and reporting requirements and the knowledge of how to prepare and present informative reports to parents is required.

We expect the successful candidate to set high expectations for pupils' behaviour, establishing and maintaining a good standard of discipline through well focused, engaging teaching and through positive and productive relationships with pupils. The successful candidate will establish a safe, clean and secure learning environment which promotes pupils' confidence and independence in learning.

As a representative of our school in our community, our P1/2 teacher will foster close relationships with parents/carers and the wider community, to work in partnership together to support the learning of our pupils. Collaboration with parents to assist them to support their child's learning at home is also a key responsibility of our P1/2 teacher.

At Ardvreck School, the successful candidate will be provided with a variety of professional learning opportunities, some of which may include:

- Contributing to the induction of new and probationary teachers.
- Participation in tasks relating to the curriculum, pedagogical development, and the organisation and pastoral functions of the school.
- Participation in any arrangements made for continued professional development as part of the improvement priorities of the school.

Applications close Friday 1st June 2018. Interviews will be held week beginning 4th June 2018.