

Welcome to Comet

Comet is a vibrant and inspirational maintained nursery school based in the heart of Hoxton. The Nursery School and Children's Centre is highly regarded in the community for its inclusivity, diversity and expertise with our children. At Comet we are committed to the inclusion of children who have additional needs and our experienced team are there to support the children and families in their learning journey throughout their time at nursery.

Our ethos and philosophy is firmly rooted in the principles of high quality early years' education where children are encouraged to be curious, to explore and develop their interests through a play based and open ended provision.

Our team are experienced, forward thinking and committed to the strong early years pedagogy that we are always continuing to develop at Comet. We are a hardworking team that are reflective in our practice, while our ethos is based on creativity, nurture and respect in everything we do. It's also important to us that children have fun learning!

Our latest Ofsted inspection in December 2018 stated that ***'Parents appreciate the rich and wide range of opportunities their children have. They told me that this ensures that their children 'still remember their learning at Comet', even after they have transferred to primary school'***. This was our 4th Outstanding inspection.

We currently have full numbers in the nursery and Hackney Education is a supportive and forward thinking local authority who hold the nursery school and early years in general in high esteem.

At Comet we have a 2 year old provision as well as 2 nursery classes. The Children's Centre is part of all that we do at Comet and we have recently taken over the leadership and governance of another local Children's Centre.

If you are passionate about children's learning and development in the early years and want to work in a supportive environment, then this is an excellent opportunity for you to join our fantastic team and make a difference to our school. We are an outward facing provision always looking to develop opportunities for the children and families in our local community.

I hope this has given you a small insight into the provision at Comet and look forward to showing you around on a visit and hope that you will apply for this unique position.

Best wishes,

Lisa

Lisa Clarke
Headteacher





We are looking for a Deputy Headteacher who is:

- a strong leader with energy and excellent interpersonal skills
- an aspirational, outstanding teacher with strong EY pedagogy
- positive, enthusiastic and creative
- good at motivating, supporting and encouraging children and staff
- committed to embracing our inclusive and diverse ethos and practice
- committed to working in partnership with parents, multi-agency working and developing links with the wider community.

The main purpose of the role will be to:

- To work with the Headteacher to deliver the highest possible educational standards in the setting, and create an atmosphere and structure in which children feel valued and staff have high expectations of them.
- Carry out the professional duties of a teacher in accordance with the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document.
- Deputise for the Headteacher when not on site, with responsibility for both roles within the nursery school as appropriate
- To be the SENDCo, supporting children with additional needs and families
- Undertake the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead
- To work with the Headteacher to lead the day-to-day operational management of the school

