

Dear Applicant,

At Ickburgh we are on a journey towards excellence, and we are enormously proud of what we have achieved over the last 5 years. We are proud to have established the school in its new purpose-built state-of the- art setting, expanding our roll from under 60 to 107, and developing our provision to include ASD as well as PMLD and SLD. We are proud that our recent OFSTED Report indicates that we have maintained good quality education in the face of the challenges posed by this transition and that our SIP reports judge elements of our PMLD provision to be outstanding. We are proudest, perhaps, of the fact that our pupils, whatever the challenges they face, are happy to come to school and keen to learn in the supportive and caring environment that our staff provide for them.

And we are very excited about our prospects for the future. Our school finances are sound and well managed, and provide a basis for our continuing development. We will continue the planned expansion of our roll until we reach our full establishment of 150 – this includes active consideration of developing our PMLD provision to cater for the needs of the 19-25 year old cohort. We will continue to encourage and support greater collaborative working with schools, with other institutions and partnerships, with parents and professionals, as well as drawing on Hackney's rich and diverse culture, to create opportunities for our students to learn, thrive and develop, so that they can be the very best they can be in all areas of their lives.

We are very clear about what we would like the school to be. Being in headship today is a challenge, but being Head of Ickburgh is also a privilege. If you feel that you have the skills, the experience, the knowledge, and – most importantly – the desire to guide and lead us on our journey, then we would like to hear from you. I hope, that having looked at what we can offer, you will consider applying to be Ickburgh's next Head Teacher. If you require any further information about this post, please contact Helen Petchey on 020 8806 4638.

Pat Corrigan Chair of Governors