Thames View Infants tvi learning **Bastable Avenue** **Barking** **IG11 0LG** **Headteacher: Paul Jordan** **ThamesViewInfants.org** **Part of the TVI Learning Trust** **Bluesky/YouTube: @TVInfants**	**Lunchtime Assistants** 1 hour daily (between 11:45-1:15) **Fixed Term Contracts** (until 31st August 2027) **LLA 1 hour Term-time only, at lunchtime.** **£16.19 per hour (FTE)** Required ASAP

We're looking for passionate Lunchtime Staff who love food, play and helping young children thrive!

The successful candidates will help children across our whole school get the most from our healthy lunchtimes – whether encouraging children to enjoy our delicious lunchtime menu, sensitively supporting reluctant eaters, or leading energetic sport, physical activity and purposeful play in our extensive school grounds. Working alongside our established lunchtime team, you will help make lunchtime a healthy, enjoyable and enriching experience for every child.

Thames View Infants offers a 100% Cooked Meal Lunchtime provision. You will support children across Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 to develop healthy eating habits, confidence, independence and positive attitudes towards food. Outside, you will actively lead fun physical activities, traditional playground games and safe, engaging play. Throughout lunchtime, you will help develop children's speaking, listening, social communication and relationship skills.

We welcome applicants from a wide range of backgrounds. **Previous experience of working in a school is not essential.** What matters most is a genuine passion for healthy food, active play and supporting the development of young children, including those in EYFS, KS1 and with SEND. Experience of engaging, working or playing positively with young children would be welcome, but enthusiasm, aptitude and a willingness to learn are just as important.

This is an active, hands-on role. We are looking for people who genuinely enjoy interacting with children, joining in with their games, encouraging independence, supporting positive behaviour and ensuring children are safe, happy and well supervised. You will need to be energetic, creative and confident in taking the initiative rather than simply observing from the sidelines.

You will need to be punctual, reliable and able to demonstrate sound judgement and a good understanding of the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. You will have a strong work ethic, be professional, committed, resilient and keen to make a difference to the lives of our children and their families.

Good, clear and effective communication skills are essential. You will need to communicate confidently with young children, model language, give clear instructions, support children's social interactions and communicate important information to colleagues. You will be kind, flexible, willing to embrace change and able to respond positively to advice and constructive feedback.

An up-to-date First Aid qualification would be desirable.

We strongly recommend that candidates observe our lunchtime provision before applying. This will help you gain a clear understanding of the role, our children and the standards we expect. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on **020 8270 4317**.

We reserve the right to close this campaign once we have a suitable pool of applicants therefore encourage applications to be made as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Closing date: Friday 4th December 2026 (noon)

To apply:

- Watch our School Video.
- Review the Job Description.
- Complete the **Non-Teaching Application Form** AND our **Safer Recruitment Form**.
- Return both electronically to Kelly.Ager@thamesviewinfants.org (stating "Lunchtime Assistant" in the subject line).
- **Please note, CVs will not be considered. Only new applicants need apply.**
- Our website offers essential tips and guidance about applying for a position at our School.

Thames View Infants is an Outstanding School.
We comply fully with the ethos of safer recruitment and undertake all relevant checks, including enhanced DBS clearance. All candidates must disclose any spent or unspent convictions.

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