



**Arts Therapist / Play Therapist / Psychological Therapist - Beckmead Family of Schools**

**Grade Range: NJC Grade 10, points 30-32**

**Salary: £35751 - £37,722 FTE (£31,676 - £33713 pro rata) before deductions**

**Hours: 36 hours per week, Term time only including INSET days**

**Contract type: Permanent**

**Location: Beckmead family of Schools, Croydon – Various sites**

**Closing date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 9am**

**Interviews: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Reports to: Senior Therapist / Heads of School**

**Beckmead Family of Schools was rated Outstanding by Ofsted in January 2017 and became the (Academy) Trust in April 2019. The Family of Schools is an expanding learning and nurturing community for young people, with Educational Health Care Plans, based over a number of sites.**

The Monks Orchard Road site is for 60 KS2-3 boys with social, emotional and mental health needs and 40 KS3-4 boys who have ASD and associated challenging behaviour.

The Morland Road site, Chaffinch Brook, is for 39 primary age pupils who have a diagnosis of autism and present with challenging behaviour.

Bramley Bank and The Beck at Forest Academy provide education for 46 children referred from mainstream schools who have not been able to meet their needs.

Tharreo House is a small, therapeutic provision for vulnerable secondary age pupils with complex needs.

Beckmead College and Community Learning Team, offer a variety of individualised vocational and learning pathways for up to 100 KS4 and KS5 students.

For more information, please visit our website <https://www.beckmeadtrust.org.uk/>

**The Beckmead Family of Schools is under the overall leadership of the**

**Executive Head Teacher Mrs Mags Clarke**

We are seeking an arts therapist, play therapist or child and adolescent psychotherapist / counsellor either as one full time post or two part time posts. The successful applicant(s) will be an integral part of our team across our school sites, providing individual, group and (dependent on training/ experience) family sessions as well as working to support the therapeutic approach of the schools generally.

The successful applicant(s) will need a flexible approach and will be passionate about providing a genuinely accessible and inclusive service that meets the complex therapeutic needs of our students and their families. Excellent team work and communication skills are vital. Therapy is a valued part of our approach to working with our students and is well supported by the organisation.

**Start date: As soon as possible, to be agreed**

**Please note: CVs are not acceptable**

For a brief informal discussion about the post or any further information contact Steve Cobbett, senior therapist 0208 777 9311 or email [recruitment1@beckmeadtrust.org](mailto:recruitment1@beckmeadtrust.org) Visits to the site are still welcome.

Applications should be submitted on the Beckmead Family of Schools Non-Teaching Application form. Completed applications and enquiries should be sent to [recruitment1@beckmeadtrust.org](mailto:recruitment1@beckmeadtrust.org) by the closing date.

The Beckmead Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people so expect all staff and volunteers, as well as those who work on the premises, to share this commitment. As part of our safeguarding commitment, appointment to any post is subject to receipt of satisfactory references, medical clearance to include the ability to participate in Physical Intervention and a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check as well as evidence of the right to live and work in the United Kingdom.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUST**

**The Beckmead Trust** is a behaviour-based Multi-Academy Trust of special schools that offer exceptional education and support for traumatised children and young people with SEMH, autism and challenging behaviour. The mission of our schools is founded on non-negotiable shared values based on foundation stone beliefs in the need for people to flourish.

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**If I am successful in gaining an interview, how will this occur during the current COVID-19 pandemic?**

Due to the current situation, we may interview remotely using a video call. We would ensure that candidates who were successful in gaining an interview were supported with the

technology so that this process is seamless. We will provide you with details of the process with your interview invite.

Our advice would be that those who were successful in gaining an interview should prepare as they would for a face to face and dress smart casual. We will allow plenty of time to ensure that you are able to answer our questions in full and you will not be judged if you are having problems with your technology.

We will leave plenty of opportunity for questions at the end of the interview, and we will spend lots of time talking and unpicking your answers. Please come prepared to share anything we didn't cover, or any questions you have about the role. We really appreciate your adaptability in these unprecedented times.