



"Inspire through Creativity, Kindness & Adventure"

Childcare Manager Application Pack



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**OXFORDSHIRE
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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in our [Childcare Manager](#) post at [Larkrise Primary School](#). We are seeking a talented and driven individual to join our team at an exciting time in our school's development. **We are particularly interested in receiving applications from those who share the school's values of Inspiring through Creativity, Kindness and Adventure.**

This is a new role created due to the expansion of our After School childcare provision. All applicants must hold at least an EYFS level 3 qualification. You can find out more about our childcare offer via this [link](#).

This is an opportunity to shape a new career in education or to build one that is already underway. We are proud to see members of our team progressing within the wider Trust or education system, and we now look forward to welcoming a new colleague who will help shape the next stage of our journey.

We hope this application pack provides you with an understanding of our values and vision for our children, staff, and the wider school community.

A School with Momentum and Purpose

Larkrise is a school with momentum. Over the past six years, we have made rapid progress, which was recognised in our March 2023 [Ofsted inspection](#). The wider community is increasingly choosing us as their first-choice school, and **95% of parents and carers** stated they would recommend us to others (RLT Parent Survey March 2026).

We serve one of the most **diverse and vibrant catchments** in the internationally renowned city of Oxford. Our children come from a wide range of economic and cultural backgrounds, with over **thirty-two languages** spoken in school. This rich diversity is a source of strength and joy, reflected throughout our curriculum and our school culture.

A Role That Grows with You

We are proud of the **professional development** we offer all staff and are deeply committed to supporting your career growth. If you are successful in this role, we will work with you to build a tailored **Continued Professional Development and Learning (CPDL)** plan. This is further enhanced by our membership of the [River Learning Trust](#), which provides access to a broad, high-quality training network. Whether you are looking to start your career in education or have more experience and want to support children in a kind and welcoming environment whilst growing as an individual, we are the school for you. Find out more about what it is like working at Larkrise via this [link](#).

Being part of the **River Learning Trust** also means you'll benefit from working closely with a **diverse family of schools**, sharing best practice and accessing support that stretches far beyond the school gates.

As a school, we are actively involved in the wider education system. We have partnerships with:

- [Oxfordshire Teaching School Alliance](#) (OTSA) - A highly respected partnership offering a rich array of development opportunities. Larkrise is proud to be a strategic partner school within OTSA,

- [Oxfordshire - Wiltshire - Berkshire Teacher Training](#) - We offer placements for School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT).
- [Oxford Brookes Teacher Training](#) - We are a partner school that provides teacher placements for the BA in Primary Teacher Education and the PGCE Primary 5 - 11 courses.
- Oxford Brookes Expert Mentoring Project - A project working with experienced teachers to unlock the power of educational research into classrooms.
- [Step Into Teaching](#) - We offer placements for the national graduate pre-teacher training programme, committed to making a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK.

A Team You'll Be Proud to Join

At Larkrise, you'll be joining a **motivated, energetic, and highly supportive team**. Our staff care deeply about the children and each other, and we believe in creating a purposeful and joyful learning environment for all.

Our recent RLT staff survey (March 2026) highlights this clearly:

- 98% of staff feel their work makes a meaningful difference
- 96% of staff feel valued by leaders in the school
- 94% feel supported by colleagues
- 96% are proud to work at Larkrise
- 94% feel valued and respected
- 100% feel that their work has a strong purpose and makes a positive difference to the lives of children.
- 100% believe the school is aspirational for all pupils
- 96% feel the school is well-led and managed
- 92% feel their manager supports their work-life balance.

You'll also be joining a community that values partnership. Our **Governors. Parents/Carers** and **Friends of Larkrise** (our active parent and carer volunteer group) are deeply involved in school life.



At Larkrise, leaders have worked to craft sensible policies that take colleagues' workload and well-being into account. In short, we focus on approaches that make a difference where it matters most: in the classroom. The school's values underpin all of its work, and we strive for kindness to be the default in all interactions across the community.

Come and See Us

This application pack will give you a strong sense of our values, but there's no substitute for experiencing our school in person. We warmly encourage you to visit, meet the team, and see our community in action. To arrange a visit with **Jon Gray (Headteacher)** to discuss your future and ours, please contact the school office on **07949796851** or email jgray@larkriseprimary.org.

If you are looking for **a new career in education or to build one that is already underway**, and are excited about the opportunity to work in a thriving, diverse, and ambitious setting, we would love to hear from you

This is more than a job. It's an opportunity to help shape the future of a dynamic school community and advance your career in a supportive and ambitious environment.

We hope to meet you soon.

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Yours sincerely



(Jon Gray -Headteacher)



(Charlotte Stewart -Deputy Headteacher)



Morag Scott (Assistant Headteacher)

Mission, Vision & Values

Mission-Vision-Values

Mission: A vibrant and caring school which proudly reflects the diversity of our community.

Vision: To provide a world-class curriculum with high expectations for every child and within which well-being is nurtured and learning is limitless.

Inspire



Inspire through Creativity, Kindness and Adventure

Creativity



Show kindness to ourselves, each other, our community and our environment.

Kindness



Inspire curiosity and encourage innovation.

Adventure

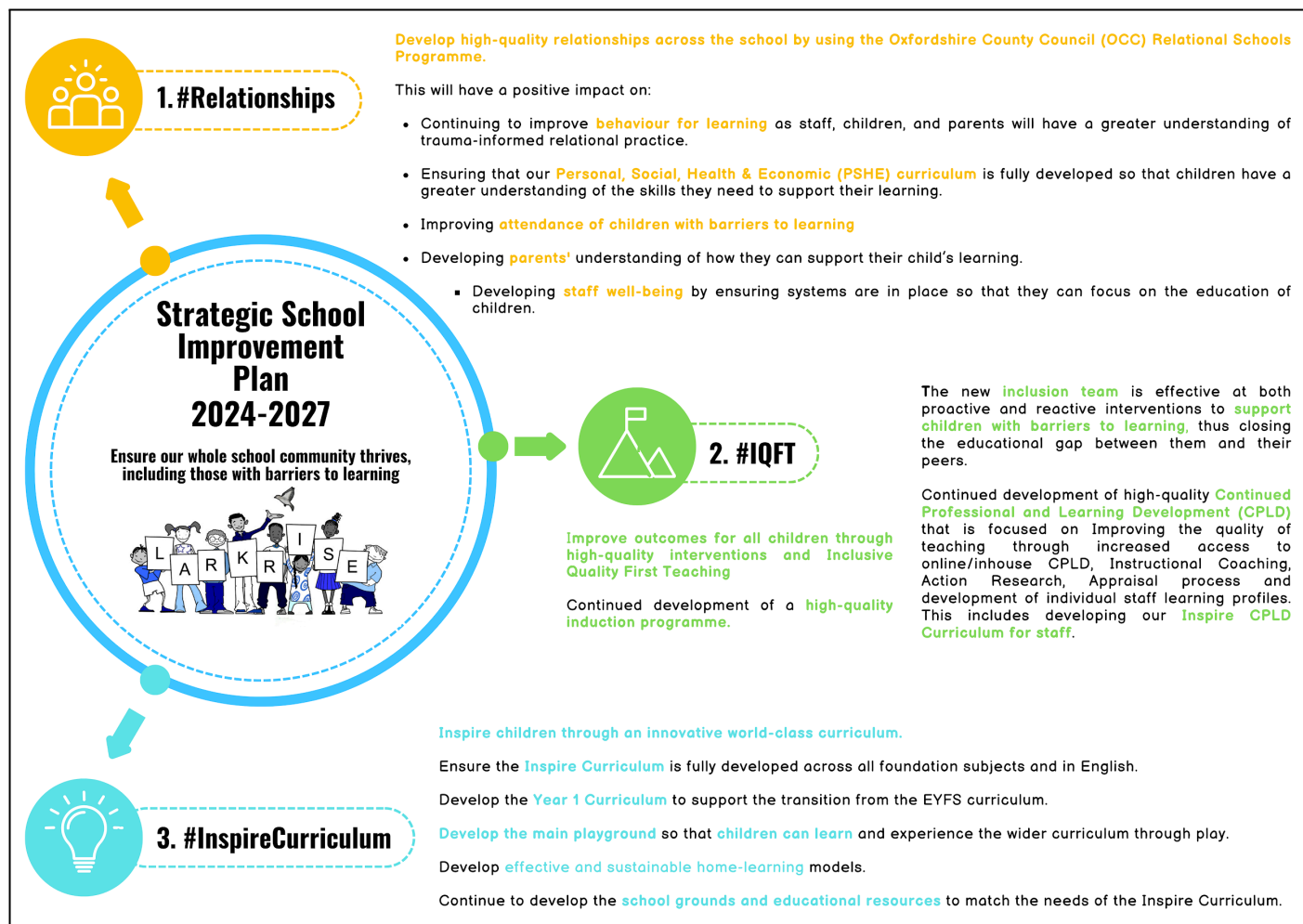


Meet the challenge by embracing new opportunities whilst striving for excellence.



We are a forward-thinking school that looks to the future.

We are rapidly improving the school. We pride ourselves on using research to ensure improvements are implemented and embedded. Click the image below to learn more about current school improvement.



The Principles of the River Learning Trust



The River Learning Trust (RLT) is a multi-academy trust responsible for several schools and a school-centred initial teacher training (SCITT) provider within Oxfordshire. The schools and SCITT are united by their commitment to the trust's principles and a shared belief in the benefits of working together.

The River Learning Trust is a community of children, young people and adults with shared principles, including:

- Commitment to **Excellence**; striving for the best educational experience
- Everyone **Learning**; creating and taking opportunities that enhance lives
- Respectful **Relationships**; acting with care, integrity, and fairness in all we do

([Click here](#) for more information).

Click on the image below to watch a video about working in a school within RLT.



Clicking on the image below will take you to our Staff Charter.



THE RLT STAFF CHARTER

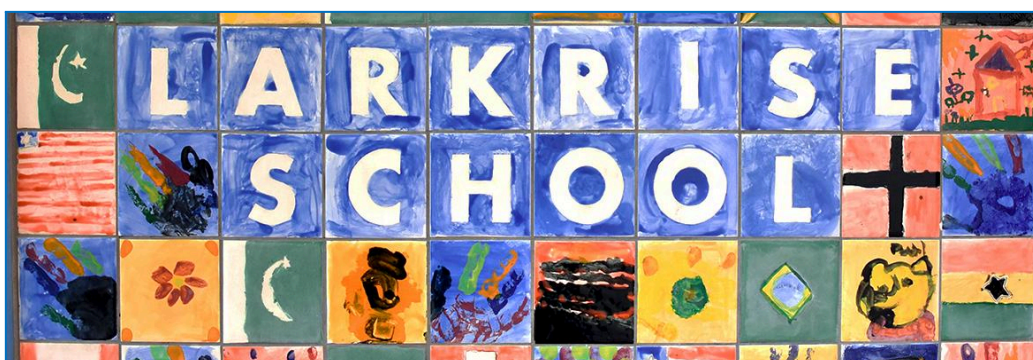
A core principle at RLT is Respectful Relationships where acting with care, integrity, and fairness is demonstrated within schools, the SCITT, and the Central Team. We value each member of our professional community and value our health and wellbeing. Our Staff Charter sets a standard which we all seek to follow; great schools thrive because of the people in them.

As an employee of RLT:



YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED TO GROW AND DEVELOP AS A GREAT PROFESSIONAL:

- You will have access to development opportunities in your school and across the Trust in a culture of collaboration and teamwork.
- We will help you to achieve excellence through high quality professional feedback and dialogue.
- Our appraisal processes will always be supportive and developmental.
- Integrity and professionalism underpin our approach to accountability.



Childcare Manager

Job Description

Job Title	Childcare Manager
Reports To	Business Manager
Salary	Grade 8 Point 18 - 23 (£16.35 per hour to £17.85 per hour) Actual Salary based on 38 weeks/year. 20 hours per week, term-time only pro-rata £31,537 - £34,434 / Actual £14,450.63 - £15,778.07 Possibility of additional salary for working in holiday childcare. (Free Childcare spaces for your own primary-aged children)
Contract	2.30 pm - 6.30 pm Monday to Friday Term Time Only Opportunity to increase hours by working in childcare.

Introduction

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The role will involve planning, preparing, and delivering childcare activities for childcare.

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Duties

Leading Childcare

- To ensure that all policies implemented by the school are actively upheld and promoted at all times. Including the school's Mission, Vision and Values.
- To build and maintain positive and constructive working relationships with children, families, multi-agencies, professionals and colleagues to maximise children's development.
- To liaise with the Business Manager and admin staff to ensure childcare bookings and invoicing are effective.
- Liaise with the Business Manager to plan and provide nutritional snacks and meals.
- Liaise with admin staff to lead and manage staff rotas.
- To plan and implement childcare activities that enhance children's play and learning.
- To provide leadership and training to other childcare staff.
- To act as the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Adventure Childcare.
- To take the lead in ensuring our childcare provision meets the needs of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.

Pastoral Care

- To help promote and safeguard the welfare of all children.
- To promote self-discipline, high standards of behaviour, and positive attitudes on the part of all children, policies and procedures must be implemented to foster them.
- Ensure that a high standard of personal care for all children is maintained.
- To develop and implement equality of opportunity effectively throughout the school.
- Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.

Training and Development

- To be an integral part of the Larkrise team, to contribute to the school's ambitious programme of school improvement with particular attention to developing our childcare provision.

- Keep up to date with developments in childcare.
- Commit to your own professional development, proactively identifying development opportunities.

Communication and Community Links

- Build positive relationships with parents and carers.
- To fully support the life and work of the school.
- Contribute to creating an ethos within which staff are motivated and supported to develop their skills and knowledge.
- To develop and maintain positive and effective professional relationships with childcare staff.
- Ensure parents, carers, and children are well informed about our childcare provision.

Health and Safety

Taking appropriate responsibility for one's own health, safety and welfare and the health and safety of pupils, visitors and work colleagues in accordance with the requirements of legislation and locally adopted policies, including taking responsibility for raising concerns with an appropriate manager.

To take the lead in day-to-day Health and Safety issues within our after school childcare provision.

Safeguarding

Larkrise Primary School and The River Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and preventing extremism; all staff must ensure that the highest priority is given to following the guidance and regulations to safeguard children and young people. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and obtain any other statutorily required clearance. Employment will also be conditional on the receipt of at least two acceptable references (one from the current/latest employer) and evidence of the formal qualifications required for the role.

Notes

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Childcare Manager Person Specifications

	Essential	Desirable
Qualification & Experience	• Five GCSEs or equivalent including English & Maths • Level 3 or above Department for Education Qualification as set out in the Early Years Qualifications achieved in the United Kingdom • Enhanced DBS clearance • Evidence of engagement in professional development. • At least three years' experience of working with EYFS aged children or working within childcare settings. • Sufficient experience of fulfilling a supervisory role within an EYFS or childcare setting	• Relevant qualification above level 3. • Experience of working with children aged 3 to 11 • Childcare manager or assistant manager experience. • Paediatric First Aid (PFA) Certificate
Knowledge & Skills	• Able to effectively use technology – computer, video, photocopier • Ability to lead other staff in order to provide excellent childcare • Ability to relate well to children and adults • Provide excellent learning and play opportunities in a childcare or EYFS environment • Excellent behaviour management. • Experience of working effectively with children with SEND. • Excellent interpersonal skills. • Ability to support parents/carers to improve outcomes for their children. • A clear understanding of the EYFS curriculum • A commitment to outdoor learning	• An understanding of child development and learning • Effective use of IT to support learning • Understanding of relevant policies/codes of practice and awareness of relevant legislation • Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities • A clear understanding of primary education.
Personal Qualities	• Sense of humour • A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school • Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding and equality • An understanding of the importance of working in partnership with other schools in the wider RLT.	• The ambition to develop a career in education

The Interview Process



The selection criteria, job description, and person specification show the essential abilities and skills required for this opportunity. The selection panel will assess each candidate against the requirements listed in the person specification, expecting them to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of each area and to show evidence of having applied (or of being aware of how to apply) this knowledge and understanding in a primary school context.

The selection panel will include members of the school's leadership team.

The panel will use the following assessment tools throughout the selection process:

- Application form via [My New Term](#).
- Application Statement showing how you meet the selection criteria and explaining why you would like to work at Larkrise Primary School.
- Interview
- 10-minute presentation answering the following questions: How do your past and current experiences prepare you for the new role as the childcare lead at Larkrise? and What would you like to achieve in this role?

The application process will be open from Monday 27th July until Friday, 11th September at 6 pm. Please send via [My New Term](#).

Applications will be reviewed upon submission, and we reserve the right to consider and interview candidates as they arrive.

