



Job Description

Job Title:	Food growing teacher
Position Type:	Paid/Freelance
Reports to:	Development Manager
Based at:	Primary and secondary schools in Southwark
Working Hours:	Flexible: January - July 2019
Salary:	£200/day including VAT

Background

School Food Matters (SFM) is a registered charity. Our mission is to ensure that every child enjoys fresh sustainable food at school and understands where their food comes from. To achieve this we campaign to improve school meals and devise, develop and deliver food education programmes for schools.

[Healthy Zones](#) is a new programme in partnership with Guy's & St Thomas' Charity looking at childhood obesity. Healthy Zones focuses on the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, where obesity rates are among the highest in the country. We are working closely with three schools - two primary schools and one secondary school - to help them to develop a good food culture and become Healthy Zones. Our gardeners and cooks lead teachers through tailored gardening and cooking sessions to help increase their skills and confidence.

These schools also take part in our Young Marketeers programme. Children learn how to grow veg from seed and how to cook with their home-grown produce. To further extend the food culture of the school, we invite parents to join their children for some gardening sessions. The Young Marketeers programme culminates in July with a Market Day at East Street Market where children from our three schools celebrate their hard work, share stories with their local community and raise some money for their schools' food education programmes by selling their fresh veg.

We will be delivering food growing sessions to a variety of audiences:

- Primary school children
- Secondary students
- Primary school children and their parents
- Primary school teachers

Key tasks

- Plan, deliver and evaluate food growing sessions at the schools
 - Work with SFM to plan and schedule the food growing sessions
 - Liaise with schools as required
 - Gather photographs from each session so that we can effectively record and promote our programmes
 - Work collaboratively with SFM to share lessons learned and build best practice
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Person specification

Skills and Competencies

- Experience of food growing with primary and secondary students, and adults
- Experience of working in a school environment
- Good knowledge of fruit and vegetable growing
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- An interest and enthusiasm for the charity sector and SFM's mission!

Essential

- Reliability, punctuality, common sense and a professional attitude to work
- A commitment to complete the agreed programme of work.

Applying for this job

Once you have thoroughly read this Job Description and had a careful look at our website, please send your **CV and a covering letter (no more than one side of A4)** telling us:

- how you heard about this opportunity
- why you want to work with us
- what makes you suitable for this role based on the person specification and key tasks

Applications must be submitted electronically to delela@schoolfoodmatters.org

Please note:

School Food Matters is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare children and young people and expects all employees to share this commitment. If you are offered employment, you may be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service record check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

School Food Matters is committed to recruiting staff on merit. We will endeavour to make new opportunities available to a wide variety of eligible candidates to promote diversity and equality of opportunity.

School Food Matters is only able to employ people who are entitled to work in the UK and cannot assist with work permit or immigration issues. We are unable to help find accommodation in London.
