



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post Title: SENDCO

Purpose:

- To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils aged 3 - 19 and to support a designated curriculum area as appropriate.
- To monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils as a teacher/form tutor.
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides pupils with the opportunity to achieve the highest of standards.
- To share and support the Academy's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for pupils' personal and academic growth.

Reporting to: Principal/Head of School.

Responsible for: The provision of a full learning experience and support for pupils in accordance with the professional duties of a teacher.

Liaising with: The Head of School/Deputy Principal, teaching/support staff, external agencies and parents.

The following information is furnished to assist staff joining the Trust to understand and appreciate the work content of their post and the role they play in the establishment.

MAIN (CORE) DUTIES: To carry out the professional duties of a school teacher as provided for under the relevant sections of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Operational/Strategic Planning

- To assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in your area.
- To contribute to the area's development plan and its implementation.
- To plan and prepare courses and lessons.
- To contribute to the whole Academy's planning activities.

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| Curriculum provision: | To assist Heads of Department to ensure that curriculum areas provide a range of teaching that complements the Academy's strategic objectives. |
| Curriculum development: | To assist in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of pupils, examining and awarding bodies and the Academy's mission and strategic objectives. |
| Staff development: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To take part in the Academy's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development. • To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods. • To engage actively in the Performance Management Review process. |
| Recruitment/deployment of staff: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support. • To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the Academy. |
| Quality Assurance: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help implement Academy quality procedures and adhere to them. • To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the curriculum area/department in line with agreed Academy procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria. • To seek/implement modification and improvement where required. • To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work. • To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the Academy. |
| Management information: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant, accurate and up-to-date information for CMIS etc. • To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of pupils. • To track pupil progress and use information to inform teaching and learning. |
| Communications: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate effectively with the parents of pupils as appropriate. • Where appropriate, to communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the Academy. |

- To follow agreed policies for communications in the Academy.
- An ability to converse at ease with all customers and provide accurate advice in order to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role through the medium of spoken English.

Marketing and liaison:

- To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Review Days and liaison events with partner schools.
- To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies, primary schools and other secondary schools.

Management of resources:

- To contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials.
- To assist the Head of Department to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources.
- To cooperate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the Academy, department and the pupils.

Pastoral system:

- To be a form tutor to an assigned group of pupils.
- To promote the general progress and well-being of individual pupils and of the form tutor group as a whole.
- To liaise with the director of achievement/year based support worker to ensure the implementation of the Academy's support systems.
- To evaluate and monitor the progress of pupils and keep up-to-date pupil records as may be required.
- To contribute to the preparation of action plans and progress files and other reports.
- To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by pupils and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved.
- To communicate, as appropriate, with the parents of pupils and with persons or bodies outside the Academy concerned with the welfare of individual pupils, after consultation with the appropriate senior staff.
- To contribute to PSHE, citizenship and enterprise education, according to Academy policies.
- To support the Academy's behaviour management protocols so that effective learning can take place.

Teaching:

- To teach pupils according to their educational needs including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the pupil in the Academy and elsewhere.
- To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of pupils and to keep such records as are required.
- To provide, or contribute to, oral and written

assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils.

- To ensure that ICT, literacy, numeracy and Academy subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of pupils.
- To undertake a designated programme of teaching to fully prepare pupils for all examinations and tests.
- To ensure a high quality learning experience for pupils that meets internal and external quality standards.
- To prepare and update subject materials.
- To use a variety of delivery methods that will stimulate learning appropriate to pupil needs and the demands of the syllabus.
- To maintain discipline in accordance with the Academy's procedures and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework.
- To undertake assessment of pupils as requested by external examination bodies, departmental and Academy procedures.
- To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
- To jointly plan with any TAs or LMs allocated to pupils in your classes.

Other specific duties:

- To play a full part in the life of the Academy to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and pupils to follow this example.
- To actively promote the Academy's corporate policies.
- To continue personal development as agreed.
- To comply with the Academy's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by the STPCD not mentioned in the above.
- To promote and safeguard the welfare of pupils for whom you are responsible or come into contact with.

Additional Specific Responsibilities

As SENDCO you will ensure access to the curriculum for all pupils in your allocated key stage. You will be responsible for the effective co-ordination of identification of need, appropriate intervention and mentoring. You will also monitor and evaluate the impact of the interventions for all pupils requiring additional support.

This responsibility implies:

- Maximising the ability of individual pupils;
- Taking responsibility for the management of assessment and reporting;
- Managing curriculum development;
- Managing the professional activities and development of a team of staff, including their performance management;

- Participating fully in the corporate life of the Academy, involving:
 - Willingness to accept a high degree of responsibility.
 - The ability to establish and maintain good relationships with other staff, pupils and their parents.
 - Being prepared to contribute to a whole Academy vision which will inform and develop Academy policy.
 - Managing and meeting deadlines.
 - Motivating yourself and others.
 - Maintaining high professional standards.
 - Supporting and disseminating Academy policy.

Specifically:

- Encouraging high standards of work, behaviour and dress in pupils;
- Ensuring staff keep accurate and easily accessible records for each pupil;
- Monitoring the progress of all pupils of all abilities and initiating action as appropriate to meet individual needs;
- Collating information and analysing pupil performance;
- Liaising with the Heads of Department and Pupil Referral Unit Manager on behalf of pupils experiencing learning difficulties;
- Renewing, updating and implementing a Development Plan in a three year cycle and an annual Action Plan;
- Managing departmental capitation efficiently within Academy financial regulations, with spending prioritised through the management plan;
- Assessing and advising upon the resource needs of your area, including staffing, books, materials, equipment and accommodation;
- Responsibility for maintaining, updating and reviewing schemes of work/staff handbooks;
- Identifying staff development/training needs and managing the development of newly qualified staff and graduate trainees;
- Responsibility for preparing pupils for external and internal examinations, providing appropriate resources, making external examination entries, meeting coursework requirements and making appeals, where appropriate;
- Producing reports for the SMT or Governors on curricular/assessment/ financial issues relating to SEND, as required.

All adults employed by the Trust are responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children they are responsible for or come into contact with.

All adults employed by the Trust have a responsibility for data protection and have a duty to observe and follow the principles of the GDPR Regulations.

Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline all the duties and responsibilities of the post, this document does not specify every item in detail. Where broad headings have been used, all associated duties are naturally included in the job description.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

SENDCO

| | Essential | Desirable | How Assessed |
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| Qualifications: | | | |
| Degree | ✓ | | Application form |
| Qualified teacher status | ✓ | | Application form |
| Hold the NASENCO award or be willing to work towards it | ✓ | | Application form |
| Teaching Experience: | | | |
| Successful teaching experience | ✓ | | Application form; at interview and reference |
| Knowledge of the SEND code of practice | ✓ | | |
| Personal and Professional Skills and Attributes: | | | |
| Evidence of development of skills, knowledge and capabilities relating to the teaching of SEND students | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Able to work within the extended leadership team and take the leading role within the SEN department | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Highly motivated and enthusiastic | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| High professional standards | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| High expectations of students in terms of behaviour and achievement | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| High quality organisational skills | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Ability to motivate students | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Ability to self review effectively and set appropriate targets | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Willingness to engage in development activities | ✓ | | Application form and at interview |
| Willingness to play a part in the wider life of the Academy | | ✓ | Application form and at interview |

Requirements from confidential references:

| | Essential |
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| Written reference(s) only | ✓ |
| Confirmation of professional and personal knowledge, skills and abilities | ✓ |
| Positive recommendation from current employer | ✓ |

