Assistant Headteacher at St. Gregory's Primary School – Job Description

Post title: Assistant headteacher

School: Primary

Pay range: L1 - L10 (£59,186 - 71,614)

Line manager: The headteacher and governing body

Main purpose of the job

- Carry out the duties of this post in line with the remit outlined in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document including the conditions of employment for assistant headteachers and the school's own policy
- Under the overall direction of the headteacher play a major role:
 - in formulating the aims, objectives of the schools and establishing the policies through which they are to be achieved
 - be responsible for the standards and curriculum of pupils including monitoring of progress towards achievement
 - proactively manage staff and resources
- Take on the responsibilities of the headteacher as agreed and appropriate in the absence of the headteacher and deputy headteacher
- Carry out the professional duties of a teacher as required
- To lead safeguarding (as Designated Safeguarding Lead), attendance, family engagement and pupil wellbeing.

Duties and responsibilities

Shaping the future

- Support the headteacher and governors in establishing an ambitious vision and ethos for the future of the school
- Play a major role in the school improvement and school self-evaluation planning process, through agreed priorities.
- Contribute to the development, implementation and monitoring of action plans and other policy developments where appropriate
- Lead by example to motivate and work with others
- In partnership with the headteacher, lead by example when implementing and managing change initiatives
- Promote a culture of inclusion within the school community where all views are valued and taken into account

Leading teaching and learning

- Be an excellent role model, exemplifying a high standard of teaching and promoting high expectations for all members of the school community
- Work with the headteacher to raise standards through staff performance management
- Assist with the development and delivery of training and support for staff in the areas of teaching and learning
- Lead the development and delivery of training and support for staff
- Assist the senior leadership team in managing the school through strategic planning and the formulation of policy and delivery of the strategy, ensuring management decisions are implemented

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- Support the senior leadership team with the processes involved in monitoring and evaluating the quality of teaching and learning taking place throughout the school, including lesson observations, to ensure a consistently high quality
- Ensure the systematic teaching of basic skills and the recording of impact, is consistently high across the school
- Ensure robust evaluation of school performance, progress data and actions to secure improvements comparable to appropriate national standards
- Ensure through leading by example the active involvement of pupils and staff in their own learning

Leading Safeguarding and Attendance

- Serve as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), ensuring robust procedures, effective training, and immediate response to safeguarding concerns.
- Lead effective use of safeguarding systems for data tracking, case management and intervention analysis.
- Ensure staff across the school are well trained and confident in safeguarding procedures.
- Lead whole-school attendance strategy to significantly reduce persistent absenteeism.
- Use data insight to monitor trends and drive intervention.
- Engage with families and external agencies to address barriers to attendance and punctuality.

Family Engagement and Pupil Support

- Build strong, supportive partnerships with families, including regular engagement through forums, workshops and targeted support.
- Champion inclusion, emotional wellbeing and mental health across the school.
- Work closely with the SENCO to ensure joined-up provision for SEND, EAL and disadvantaged pupils.
- Lead initiatives that develop pupil voice, pupil leadership and personal development.

Developing Self and Others

- Lead professional development related to safeguarding, attendance and pastoral care.
- Line manage key staff in attendance and pastoral support roles, offering coaching and performance management.
- Be an exemplary role model of professionalism and commitment, supporting the development of others.
- Contribute to wider SLT decision-making, school improvement planning and whole-staff CPD.

Managing the Organisation

 Oversee safeguarding and attendance systems and ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

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- Collaborate with the School Business Manager to ensure safeguarding policies, risk assessments and offsite learning procedures are robust.
- Contribute to SLT leadership of behaviour, inclusion and strategic resource deployment.

General

- Carry out the duties of this post in line with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and other relevant policies.
- Undertake any other duties reasonably delegated by the Headteacher.

