**Job Description**

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| **Job title** | Class Teacher |
| **Salary and grade:** | Main Pay Range (Outer London) |
| **School:** | Harefield Junior School |
| **Line manager:** | The Executive headteacher, Head of School, members of senior leadership team (SLT) and the governing body of the school |
| **Supervisory responsibility:** | The postholder may be responsible for the supervision of the work of classroom assistants relevant to their responsibilities |

Part One: Teaching

1. Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils

* establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect
* set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
* demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils.

2. Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils

* be accountable for pupils’ attainment, progress and outcomes
* be aware of pupils’ capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these
* guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs
* demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching
* encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

3. Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

* have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils’ interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
* demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship
* demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher’s specialist subject
* if teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
* if teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies.

4. Plan and teach well structured lessons

* impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time
* promote a love of learning and children’s intellectual curiosity
* set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired
* reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
* contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

5. Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils

* know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively
* have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils’ ability to learn, and how best to overcome these
* demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils’ education at different stages of development
* have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

6. Make accurate and productive use of assessment

* know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements
* make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils’ progress
* use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
* give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback.

7. Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

* have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school’s behaviour policy
* have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
* manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils’ needs in order to involve and motivate them
* maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

8. Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

* make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
* develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support
* deploy support staff effectively
* take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
* communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils’ achievements and well-being.

Part Two: Personal and professional conduct

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher’s career.

* Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:
* treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher’s professional position
* having regard for the need to safeguard pupils’ well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
* showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
* not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
* ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils’ vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
* Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.
* Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

**Person Specification**

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# Main purpose of the job:

* Be responsible for the learning and achievement of all pupils in the class ensuring equality of opportunity for all
* Be responsible and accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct
* Treat pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher’s professional position
* Work proactively and effectively in collaboration and partnership with learners, parents/carers, governors, other staff and external agencies in the best interests of pupils
* Act within, the statutory frameworks, which set out their professional duties and responsibilities and in line with the duties outlined in the current *School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document and Teacher Standards (2012)*
* Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school

# Duties and responsibilities

All teachers are required to carry out the duties of a schoolteacher as set out in the current [*School Teachers Pay and Conditions* *Document*](https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/)*.* Teachers should also have due regard to the Teacher Standards (2012). Teachers’ performance will be assessed against the teacher [standards](https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-00066-2011) as part of the appraisal process as relevant to their role in the school.

## Teaching

* Deliver the curriculum as relevant to the age and attainment group/subject/s that you teach
* Be responsible for the preparation and development of teaching materials, teaching programmes and pastoral arrangements as appropriate
* Be accountable for the attainment, progress and outcomes of pupils’ you teach
* Be aware of pupils’ capabilities, their prior knowledge and plan teaching and differentiate appropriately to build on these demonstrating knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn
* Have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; gifted and talented; EAL; disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them
* Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy including the correct use of spoken English (whatever your specialist subject)
* Use an appropriate range of observation, assessment, monitoring and recording strategies as a basis for setting challenging learning objectives for pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions, monitoring learners’ progress and levels of attainment
* Make accurate and productive use of assessment to secure pupils’ progress
* Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback, reflect on progress, their emerging needs and to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study
* Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
* Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired as appropriate
* Participate in arrangements for examinations and assessments within the remit of the *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* *Document*

## Behaviour and Safety

* Establish a safe, purposeful and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
* Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils’ needs in order to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
* Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary
* Be a positive role model and demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour, which are expected of pupils
* Have high expectations of behaviour, promoting self control and independence of all learners
* Carry out playground and other duties as directed and within the remit of the current *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* *Document*
* Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school, raising any concerns following school protocol/procedures

## Team working and collaboration

* Participate in any relevant meetings/professional development opportunities at the school, which relate to the learners, curriculum or organisation of the school including pastoral arrangements and assemblies
* Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues and sharing the development of effective practice with them
* Contribute to the selection and professional development of other teachers and support staff including the induction and assessment of new teachers, teachers serving induction periods and where appropriate threshold assessments
* Ensure that colleagues working with you are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfil
* Take part as required in the review, development and management of the activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school
* Cover for absent colleagues within the remit of the current *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* document

## Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

* Work collaboratively with others to develop effective professional relationships
* Deploy support staff effectively as appropriate
* Communicate effectively with parents/carers with regard to pupils’ achievements and well-being using school systems/processes as appropriate
* Communicate and co-operate with relevant external bodies
* Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

### Administration

* Register the attendance of and supervise learners, before, during or after school sessions as appropriate
* Participate in and carry out any administrative and organisational tasks within the remit of the current *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* *Document*

#### Professional development

* Regularly review the effectiveness of your teaching and assessment procedures and its impact on pupils’ progress, attainment and well being, refining your approaches where necessary responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
* Be responsible for improving your teaching through participating fully in training and development opportunities identified by the school or as developed as an outcome of your appraisal
* Proactively participate with arrangements made in accordance with the Appraisal Regulations 2012

**Other**

* To have professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school and maintain high standards in your own attendance and punctuality
* Perform any reasonable duties as requested by the Executive headteacher and Head of School

#### Note

This job description is not your contract of employment or any part of it. It has been prepared only for the purpose of school organisation and may change either as your contract changes or as the organisation of the school is changed. Nothing will be changed without consultation.

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| **Signature of headteacher:** |  | **Date:** | **/ /** |