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**CLASS TEACHER (KS1)**  
**APPLICANT BRIEF**

**LOWER MEADOW PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
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## Open Letter from Principal

Thank you for your interest in the post at our Academy.

Lower Meadow Primary Academy is a 3-11 Academy; we sit in South Sheffield on the border with Derbyshire and chose to join Astrea Academy Trust in July 2016. We have a strong team that drive school improvement and strive for the best outcomes for all children. The Academy is seeking to attract a talented, knowledgeable, and committed team member who can demonstrate high aspirations for all our children along with the enthusiasm and resilience to support all aspects of a child's education. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work in a supportive, professional learning community that seeks excellence and play a key part in the next step of our journey towards Outstanding. Lower Meadow Primary Academy has been on a journey of improvement over the last five years and we were pleased to be recognised as a "Good" school by Ofsted in 2019.

Our emphasis is on consistently high quality teaching and learning throughout school and across all areas of the curriculum to raise children's outcomes and allow them to move onto secondary school fully prepared. We believe strongly in building our children's aspirations and helping them to become good learners so they can build on their successes each year and achieve their full potential.

We use the Astrea Dispositions to help build children's life skills and prepare them fully for secondary school. Our children behave well and enjoy coming to school. All staff are committed to providing the very best for all children. Teamwork is a strong part of our ethos, with a supportive and nurturing staff and a culture of continual improvement in all that we do. Those we recruit can demonstrate that they share our values, have the child at the centre of everything they do, are highly motivated to work with colleagues to continuously develop their skills, pursue professional excellence and are committed to providing the highest standards consistently.

If you feel that you can support our ethos, we would be delighted to receive your application.

**Jane Dawtry**  
**Principal at Lower Meadow Primary Academy**



# JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>SALARY</b>	MPS
<b>CONTRACT TYPE</b>	Permanent
<b>WORKING PATTERN</b>	Monday to Friday
<b>HOURS PER WEEK</b>	32.5 hours

## Purpose

- To maintain a high standard of quality care and education through an excellent balanced, varied, and fun curriculum.
- To teach children, in accordance with academy aims and policies and National Curriculum requirements, to achieve their maximum potential.
- To promote the welfare of children within the academy and to safeguard their interests at all times.
- To work effectively as a member of the teaching team contributing to the care and holistic wellbeing and development of children.

## Key Accountabilities

- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge all pupils
- Promote good progress and outcomes by all pupils
- Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge
- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils
- Plan lessons (in line with minimum expectations) and teach well-structured lessons
- Make accurate and productive use of assessment
- Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

## Key Responsibilities

### Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge all 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 all pupils.
- Promote good progress and outcomes by all pupils

### Promote high standards of attainment, progress and outcomes for all pupils.

- Plan differentiated teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge.
- Guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs and adapt classroom practice if necessary.
- 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.



### **Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge**

- Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interests in these subjects and address misunderstandings and misconceptions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, numeracy and oracy including the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject
- Ensure all pupils have access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.

### **Plan lessons (in line with minimum expectations) 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 and assess 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.

### **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 learn more effectively.
- Have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and implement strategies to overcome these.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching and learning 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.
- To plan for, direct and be responsible for the work of additional support personnel within the classroom to ensure that support impacts on the learning of pupils.

### **Make accurate and productive use of assessment**

- Make accurate and productive use of assessment in line with the expectations of the academy.
- Make effective use of a range of assessment for learning techniques to measure progress in lessons.
- 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.

### **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 in both in classrooms and around the academy, in accordance with the academy'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.



### **Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**

- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the academy
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support.
- Deploy support staff effectively (where available).
- Take responsibility for improving performance through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues.
- Communicate effectively with parents, carers and external agencies with regard to pupils' achievements and well-being

### **Personal and Professional Conduct**

- Demonstrates a high standard of personal and professional conduct and uphold public trust in the profession by maintaining a high standard of ethics and behaviour in and outside of the academy in line with the academy's policy.
- Has professional regard for and actively promote the ethos, policies and practices of the academy and maintain high standards in own dress, attendance and punctuality.
- Understands and acts within the statutory frameworks which set out professional duties and responsibilities.

### **Values**

- Makes the education of pupils within the academy the main purpose of the role of the teacher.
- Accepts accountability for achieving the highest possible standards in their own work and conduct and to be able to be self-critical and reflective.
- Acts with honesty and integrity at all times.
- Is able to forge positive professional relationships.

### **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

- Understands, accepts and follows the academy's Safeguarding / Child Protection procedures in order to protect the safety of all children and vulnerable adults.
- To report matters of concern in line with the academy procedure



# PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

## Experience

- Successful teaching experience or evidence of successful completion of initial teacher training
- Successful classroom experience in a primary setting

## Qualifications

- Qualified Teacher Status or working towards
- Evidence of participation in professional development or study
- Commitment to ongoing and professional development
- Knowledge of the National Curriculum requirements
- Understands and values the processes of planning monitoring and evaluation as an aid to raising standard

## Behaviours

- Excellent classroom practitioner
- Ability to relate to and motivates pupils
- Works well within and contributes to team development
- Ability to work under pressure and recognise and manage stress
- Highly organised
- Good written and oral communication skills
- The ability to interpret statistics to support academy improvement
- Enthusiasm and determination
- Responds effectively to daily challenges
- Clear knowledge of and commitment to Safeguarding

## This is not exhaustive.

*Astrea Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Posts are subject to enhanced DBS checks. For further details on the recruitment process, please review our Recruitment Pack. This can be found attached to each vacancy or requested by emailing [recruitment@astreaacademytrust.org](mailto:recruitment@astreaacademytrust.org)*