

TEACHING STAFF
JOB DESCRIPTION

ROLE TITLE	Class Teacher & English Lead
GRADE / SCALE POINT – SALARY	MPS/UPS & TLR 2a
REPORTING TO	Headteacher

INTRODUCTION

All Unity Schools Partnership schools embrace a strong set of values which ensure that pupils learn how to take their place in modern Britain. Every member of staff is required to uphold and promote the values of the Trust in every aspect of their work performance.

All members of teaching staff are responsible personally and collectively for supporting students in becoming confident individuals, successful learners and responsible citizens, through:

- Modelling the core values of the school and wider Trust at all times;
- Nurturing pupils' passions and interests and stimulating their intellectual curiosity;
- Continuously raising pupils' aspirations and self-esteem;
- Contributing to the wider range of opportunities offered by and for the school community;
- Assuming responsibility (as required) for the learning progress of a specific group of individual pupils;
- Ensuring high outcomes for a cohort of pupils

All teachers are required to meet the national standards for teachers according to their role.

JOB PURPOSE

To actively pursue the agreed aims of the school and wider Trust, maintaining an outstanding educational ethos, care for the pupils and respect for colleagues whilst undertaking all duties in a professional manner. There is an expectation all staff colleagues will secure a good or better education for all pupils and the continuous improvement of teaching and learning in the school.

KEY TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

General Teaching Responsibilities

1. Engage in identifying and implementing the priorities of the School Improvement Plan, participating fully in school self-evaluation;
2. Comply with and uphold the policies of the school;
3. Fully understand and comply with the school's policy on safeguarding. Remain alert to pupils' pastoral needs and provide support, in conjunction with school's SENCo and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs);
4. Proactively uphold the school's behaviour policy establishing class rules and setting out clear and fair sanctions in accordance with the school's systems; high standards of behaviour should be expected at all times;

5. Work as part of the school's teaching team and actively behave as a team member to support colleagues;
6. Oversee and work closely with LSAs, setting out tasks appropriate to the assistant's role and ability; supervise the work of support staff, students and voluntary helpers as required;
7. Ensure that the learning spaces provide a welcoming and stimulating environment to pupils and adults. Classrooms will be vibrant, well organised and serviceable. Work should be attractively displayed and be clearly and appropriately labelled;
8. Make effective use of PPA time to raise standards;
9. Lead assemblies as required;
10. Play an active role in the full life of the school.

Specific Responsibilities

Class Teacher:

1. Teach the designated class group(s), implementing agreed planning, assessment and target setting; teach the National Curriculum subjects and RE as well as working with others to provide Curriculum Enrichment for pupils.
2. Plan pupils' work to provide an inclusive and personalised curriculum which meets the needs of the children, including those with Special Needs and those who are Able, Gifted and Talented;
3. Carry out regular assessment, recording, monitoring and record keeping according to school policies, maintain appropriate records which monitor the progress of the pupils; mark pupils' work regularly in accordance with the school's marking policy;
4. Develop home-school links with parents/guardians of children in the class;
5. Complete termly and half-termly assessment records for the class, using the school's systems, including preparation of Pupil Progress Reports for presentation to the Principal, Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body, as appropriate;
6. Complete pupil reports for presentation to parents (academic report and the achievement, effort and social report); meet pupils' parents at parent evenings, 3 times per year;
7. Manage and monitor the work of other adults in the classroom (including volunteers);
8. Liaise closely with the SENCO regarding the learning needs of pupils;
9. Liaise closely with the Designated Teacher for Safeguarding regarding pupils' welfare needs.

English Lead:

1. To model exemplary practice in the teaching of English and to support and monitor the effectiveness of the teaching of English across the whole school;
2. To regularly evaluate progress of English in school using the iAbacus tool;
3. To lead, develop and enhance the teaching practice of others with regard to reading and writing across the curriculum;
4. To prepare, in consultation with the Headteacher and staff, policy documents related to English;

5. To regularly monitor progress on the English development plan, including measuring its impact through lesson observation, pupil book study and planning scrutiny;
6. To take a lead on the development of assessment practice in English across the school;
7. To prepare, with staff, a sequence of learning which ensures coverage of the National Curriculum in English and defines the skills, techniques and concepts to be developed and taught;
8. To liaise with and advise colleagues, both teachers and teaching assistants, to impact on the educational progress of all children across the academy, in English;
9. To ensure that reading and writing progress is monitored across all groups across the school, reporting to SLT;
10. To assist staff with medium and short-term planning when appropriate;
11. To inform governors regularly about progress in reading and writing, including writing termly reports for the full governing body as requested by the Headteacher;
12. To work alongside the SENDCo to ensure the appropriate scaffolding of the curriculum in reading and writing meets the needs of all pupils;
13. To develop opportunities for enhancing the teaching and learning of English using IT;
14. To deliver regular writing CPD and to identify CPD opportunities in reading and writing, providing staff with details of these opportunities where relevant;
15. To keep up-to-date with knowledge of, and national and international developments in reading and writing;
16. To liaise with other educational establishments as appropriate including within the Trust, for example when children transfer to secondary school and from the pre-school and in liaising with Trust Reading and Writing leads;
17. To contribute to the School Development Plan to prioritise the teaching and assessment of English;
18. To ensure reading is embedded throughout the school and promote a love of reading with pupils;
19. To oversee the library and support staff in using it to promote a love of reading

SAFEGUARDING

Unity Schools Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons at all times.

The post holder, under the guidance of the Headteacher, will be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all children with whom he/she comes into contact, in accordance with the Trust's and the school's safeguarding policies. The post holder is required to obtain a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

GENERAL

1. Take active responsibility for personal continuous professional development;
2. Take ownership of individual performance management, keeping a continuing professional development portfolio;
3. Maintain consistent high standards of professional conduct, tact and diplomacy at all times in dealings with pupils, parents, staff colleagues, external agencies and any other visitors to the school or wider Trust.
4. Maintain absolute confidentiality and exercise discretion with regard to staff / pupil information and the Trust's business at all times.
5. Act as an ambassador for the School and the wider Trust within the local community and beyond, ensuring that the ethos and values of the Trust are promoted and upheld at all times.

The list above is not exhaustive, and you may be required to undertake any other reasonable tasks and responsibilities which fall within the scope of the post as requested the Headteacher, a member of the Senior Leadership or Trust Executive Leadership Teams.

Unity Schools Partnership has developed a framework for supporting effective practice which will be used to support staff professional development and this job description is subject to change at the discretion of the trust.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIREABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second class degree or higher • Relevant Teaching Qualification • English and Mathematics at G.C.S.E./'O' Level or equivalent and/or sound Literacy and Numeracy skills (ITT accreditation test level) • ICT QTS accreditation test level or European Computer Driving License (ECDL) 	
Experience and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High levels of primary subject knowledge and knowledge of statutory requirements relating to the relevant Key Stage(s) curriculum; • Evidence of positive impact on pupil outcomes in the relevant Year group(s); • Evidence of raising standards through subject leadership; • Evidence of effective team working. 	
Literacy and Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to read and understand instructions • Ability to complete basic paperwork 	
Organisational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of school policies and procedures 	
Key Skills and Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive disposition to implementing the Schools' educational vision; • Willingness to work across the Trust's primary schools to secure high attainment for all children in the relevant Year Group(s) Key Stage(s). 	
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to promote and ensure the school/academy vision is understood and acted upon by individuals in their team • Understanding of the management of change processes • Ability to maintain a consistent and continuous focus on pupil achievement • Ability to delegate appropriately and hold others accountable while at the same time accepting accountability for the designated Year group(s) Key Stage(s) pupil outcomes. 	
Other Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to develop genuine, empathetic relationships with young people 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High personal standards in terms of attendance, punctuality and meeting deadlines • High level of personal organisation skills • Good communication skills, both written and spoken • Solution focused disposition and a positive attitude particularly to challenge and change • Understanding of and commitment to Equal Opportunities issues and principles and the need to apply an equal standard of care to all pupils • Positive disposition towards inclusion of all pupils including those with learning difficulties in mainstream learning and education • Able to work as part of a broader inclusion and pupil support system • Ability to work as a team player and supportive of team working • Ability and willingness to develop own understanding and capability through advice and training • Ability to work without constant supervision, to provide assistance as and when required, to seek tasks when unoccupied and think clearly and calmly in an emergency • Understanding of the principles of accountability and quality assurance to achieve best possible pupil outcomes 	
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