

JOB DESCRIPTION  
IT Technician

**PAY SCALE**

Point 5-7 (SFCA Support Staff Scale) / Point 3-5 (Schools’ Support Staff Scale)

**Job Purpose:**

The IT Technician will provide effective and friendly IT Helpdesk/Services operations across the academies in their hub. The post holder’s main role will be to provide effective first and at times second line support to customers served by their hub. The role will require travel within the IT Hub, for example to provide field technician support, and occasionally within the wider Trust. Travel expenses beyond the normal commute to the principal place of work will be reimbursed following receipt of an authorised expenses claim. Normal working hours will be in agreement with the IT Hub Manager. You may be required to vary your hours to provide IT Support for meetings/events outside of the normal working hours and to complete other IT related work that cannot take place during normal working hours. Occasionally the post-holder may be required to travel outside of their Hub to attend training/meetings or help respond to significant IT issues occurring elsewhere in the Trust.

**Accountabilities:**

* Provide a rapid and friendly first and, where required, second line response to IT problems encountered by customers.
* Provide field technician support as required.
* Work relating to updating and patching, data backup and retrieval and other areas as directed by the IT Hub Manager or other IT Hub staff.
* Work with the IT Hub Manager and other relevant IT staff to ensure that all IT related documentation is kept up to date e.g. asset management/inventory systems and IT documentation.
* Support the learning of our students by effective use of IT; this could include setting up specialist equipment and other technology for use in various teaching sessions.
* The post holder must ensure that Academy and Trust policies are applied at all times including the Information Security, Data Protection and Acceptable Use policies.
* The post holder is required to ensure that they maintain their own health and safety, and support that of any colleagues, service users or visitors in their environment in accordance with organisational policies and procedures and the training they receive.
* Other duties required to be carried out by IT staff, including those that may be specific to an academy served by your IT Hub.

**Problem Solving/Creative Effort:**

The post holder will be responsible for providing friendly and effective first and second line support to customers of the IT Hub. This will involve problem solving and solution finding.

Working with IT Hub staff as appropriate the post holder will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of all network and computer systems in the colleges. This will involve problem solving and solution finding.

The entire IT Hub team and the wider academy management teams have input into the development of the Digital Technology strategy. The post holder will be expected to contribute to the development of this strategy. The post holder will be expected to deliver against agreed tasks and targets.

The post holder will need to recognise they work in an environment which will occasionally require them to support student related activity.

**Job Breadth and Communication:**

The post holder will report to the IT Hub Manager and may also be accountable to another designated staff member if their principal place of work is different to their IT Hub Manager’s.

The post holder will undertake and engage positively with relevant training and personal development activities as required. There are several development opportunities available to technology staff, including technical training, dedicated study time and opportunity to apply for staff development funding to support individual needs.

This role will involve access to important data and services. The post holder will be expected to work to the highest levels of personal integrity and will be expected to adhere to and actively promote Acceptable Use Policies (AUP) and all other relevant Trust and Academy policies.

**Decision Making:**

The post holder is expected to respect any information that come into their possession or exists in their environment relating to students, colleagues, and other individuals. This requires following good practice and guidance on confidentiality. The post holder has a duty to maintain the safety and welfare of the students and within the scope of their post must ensure all organisational policies and procedures on safeguarding are implemented. The post holder has a duty to report any concerns or incidents regarding student welfare promptly in accordance with procedure and their training.

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| **SPECIFICATION** | **ESSENTIAL** | **DESIRABLE** |
| Knowledge/Qualifications | * Up to date knowledge and understanding of IT developments and their potential to contribute to the provision of effective and efficient response to business needs. | * A proven track record of working in a relevant technology area. * Knowledge of Office 365 cloud services and apps. |
| **Relevant experience** | * Evidence of hardware troubleshooting skills including desktop hardware. * Evidence of software troubleshooting skills, including experience of the current Windows client operating systems * Strong ability to use basic applications such as Microsoft Office Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint to include the production of professional documents. | * Evidence of hardware troubleshooting skills including server hardware. * Service Management (ITIL) experience and or appreciation. * VOIP telephony experience. * Experience of Apple desktop operating systems and any relevant MDM. |
| **Skills/Aptitudes** | * Excellent attitude to customer service. * Strong teamwork ethos and ability to work as part of a team. * Self-motivation and determination with the   proven ability to multitask, organise and prioritise  workload while having to work under pressure and to deadlines.   * Ability to adapt to new situations, solve problems,   and develop new skills.   * Understanding of the need for confidentiality and discretion. * A keen desire to provide an IT environment which supports, develops, and enhances the learning of all our students. | * Effective communication skills both verbal and written. * Innovative thinker – ability to turn customer requirements into workable solutions. * Effective presentational and interpersonal skills – with the   capability to communicate concisely and  effectively equally well with follow engineers, non-technical colleagues and with members and/or customers alike.   * Keen interest and passion for continual professional development in technical expertise and service management/delivery. |
| **Other requirements** | * Commitment to undergo further training and development as appropriate. * Willingness to undertake an Enhanced DBS Disclosure. * Willingness to contribute to IT training (e.g. in conjunction with rollout of new operating systems / applications). | * Strong record of personal and professional development. |

**Date: February 2023**