



Lead Teacher for Foundation Curriculum

CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK

32.5 hours per week, permanent

MPS/UPS +SEN1 +TLR2a

£30,000 - £46,525 +£2,539 +£3,214

Start date: ASAP/September 2024



What is included within this pack?

Within this pack you will find both information and advice on applying for a role with Esteem Multi-Academy Trust including:

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Welcome from Esteem Multi-Academy Trust



Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Esteem Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The Teacher position presents a fantastic opportunity for somebody who shares our values and beliefs to join our team at a very important time.

We are eager to appoint an outstanding specialist classroom teacher with a passionate commitment to improving the lives and opportunities of children and young people with special educational needs and challenging behaviours.

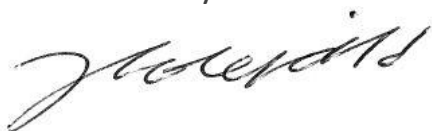
Stanton Vale School is a vibrant, stimulating and specialist community in which pupils and staff value themselves and others. We aim to challenge, motivate and empower individuals with the skills and knowledge for a life beyond school. We want the pupils and staff of Stanton Vale to be both aspirational and inspirational.

If you think you have got what we are looking for, we look forward to receiving your application for consideration.

For further information, please contact Emma Kehoe on 0115 972 9769, via email to info@stantonvale.co.uk or visit our website at <https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies>. Please use the relevant application form on the MAT website; CVs alone will not be accepted.

I wish you well in your application.

Yours faithfully



Julian Scholefield
Chief Executive Officer

About Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

Esteem MAT was formed in 2018 and now consists of twelve academies from the East and West Midlands. Many of our pupils have special educational needs and/or disabilities or are disadvantaged. Therefore, inclusion is our watchword, and our vision is for Esteem to be a learning community of excellence for SEND and alternative provision in the Midlands. However, we want mainstream schools to join us too as they have many pupils with SEND or who are disadvantaged. We want all our pupils to achieve their full potential whatever type of school they attend.

Our vision is to be a Trust that:

- Leads and supports our academies to provide the highest standards of education and development for all our pupils
- Enables academies with a shared sense of purpose to benefit from alignment whilst maintaining individuality
- Provides a strong, collective voice for our academies at a local and national level
- Delivers support and SEND expertise to our academies and to other schools and local authorities

Our vision will be delivered via our three core strategic aims. Everything we do should be ultimately focused on doing these three things well:

- We will provide an ambitious, inspirational, bespoke education, setting the foundation for the future and ensuring our young people are ready for the world.
- We will deliver high standards and value for money from our support services, resources, estate and technology.
- We will invest in and support our people, exploiting opportunities for collaborative, continual professional development, sharing of expertise and best practice

Our people are our most valuable resource. We invest in them by providing high quality specialist training, opportunities to collaborate and develop their careers within Esteem.

We greatly value each school's unique identity, which reflect the diverse needs of the pupils. It is also important to us that our pupils feel they belong to their school community. This is why we believe that our schools need strong leaders and governors who understand their local context. Being part of a family of schools in a trust brings the added benefits of support and collaboration. We know that sharing ideas and working together are the best ways for our schools to continue to improve for the benefit of all our pupils.

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear prospective applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the post of Teacher at Stanton Vale School. Stanton Vale is an all-age academy with students joining from age two and potentially staying with us until they are nineteen. The students have a range of needs and abilities, many have severe, complex or profound and multiple learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder and increasingly we are meeting the needs of young people with moderate learning difficulties.

Stanton Vale School is a relatively small academy, with 114 students on roll. This gives the academy a close community atmosphere, where students feel safe and happy as they are supported and empowered to reach their full potential. We are proud of the fact that our academy is a great place, both to learn and to work.

We have a dedicated and talented staff team who have genuine ambition for the students they teach. Our governing body is supportive and challenging as well as being open to new ideas and fresh approaches. But it is the students who are at the heart of Stanton Vale School. It is their enthusiasm and drive that makes the academy such a special place.

As well as making a positive contribution to the lives of our students, we can offer you:

- A supportive, collaborative and friendly staff environment where you will have the chance to make a real and positive impact on the lives of Stanton Vale School's students
- Professional and continuous training programmes and a supportive career progression
- Generous pension schemes (LPGS)
- A range of health and wellbeing services through Westfield Health
- Free, on-site car parking
- School social events
- A commitment to staff well-being

Within this pack you'll find lots of information on the application process and about the academy. However, you may also wish to visit us and see for yourself the energy, enthusiasm and above all the joy for learning of the students here.

We welcome applications from candidates who, having read the application pack, feel they have the necessary skills and experience to fulfil the role. If you have a mainstream teaching background, we would also be very happy to hear from you.

The closing date for applications is 23:59 on 15 April 2024, visits to the site are encouraged, please contact the school on 0115 972 9769 to arrange this.

Interviews for this post will be held on 22 April 2024.

Thank you again for your interest in our academy; I wish you well with your application.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Kehoe
Headteacher
Stanton Vale School

About Stanton Vale School

Stanton Vale School is a vibrant all age special academy located in Long Eaton, working with students primarily from the south east of Derbyshire but also from Derby City, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire and Staffordshire. Our pupils' complex needs can act as a barrier to effective learning. The academy has a strong reputation for multi-disciplinary work aimed at overcoming these challenges. We then build on this by focusing on what pupils can do.

Our most complex pupils benefit from a specialist sensory based approach and learn through an experiential curriculum. Our more able pupils spend time working on key skills of learning and, at an appropriate time, their curriculum may become more formal in line with their developing skills and understanding. For all our pupils, outcomes rooted in their Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) are the driver to their learning and individual curriculum. As with any special school, we ensure equality of opportunity for our pupils and work hard to provide a range of additional activities such as college visits, residential activities, community visits and enhanced provision in sports and especially the arts.

The academy also benefits from access to speech & language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Strong links with parents and governors are fostered through a range of formal and informal events with the academy striving to be at the centre of its community.

The pupils benefit from access to a swimming pool on site as well as specialist teaching spaces such as a 'soft mobility room', library, Forest School and adapted kitchens. Externally we have large grounds. Dedicated play spaces are complimented with an allotment, quiet area and an outdoor willow learning space.

Further information about our academy can be found on the website at www.stantonvale.co.uk

The advertisement

Job Title: Lead Teacher – Foundation Curriculum

Location: Stanton Vale School, Thoresby Road, Long Eaton, NG10 3NP

Grade/Scale: MPS/UPS +SEN1 +TLR2a £30,000 - £46,525 +£2,539 + £3,214

Start date: ASAP/September 2024

Contract: Full time

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We are seeking an outstanding specialist classroom teacher with experience of working with young people with complex needs, including ADHD, SLD, MLD, autism, SEMH, PMLD along with experience of appropriate behaviour management techniques for children and young people with SEN, communication difficulties and challenging behaviours.

Reporting directly to the Headteacher, the ideal candidate will have previous experience in a multi-disciplinary team and leading a subject throughout school and previous experience working with PMLD pupils.

Benefits include: Teachers Pension Scheme school holidays, Westfield Health membership and free parking.

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Job description and person specification

Job Description: Lead Teacher of Foundation Curriculum Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

Post Title:		Teacher (Maternity Cover)
Location:		Stanton Vale School, Thoresby Road, Long Eaton, NG10 3NP
Purpose:		- This job description should be read alongside the range of duties of teachers set out in the annual School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. - Members of staff should at all times work within the framework provided by the school's policy statements to fulfil the general aims and objectives of the school's improvement plan. - To make a major contribution to the successful teaching and learning opportunities offered at Stanton Vale School.
Reporting to:		Headteacher
Responsible for:		Foundation Curriculum
Liaising with:		
Working Time:		Full time teacher
Salary/Grade:		MPS/UPS +SEN1 +TLR2a £30,000 - £46,525 +£2,539 +£3,214
Disclosure level		Enhanced
PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES		
To achieve the above		Relationships with children and young people - Have high expectations of children and young people including a commitment to ensuring that they can achieve their full educational potential and to establishing fair, respectful, trusting, supportive and constructive relationships with them. - Hold positive values and attitudes and adopt high standards of behaviour in their professional role. Frameworks - Maintain an up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the professional duties of teachers and the statutory framework within which they work, and contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the policies and practice of their workplace, including those designed to promote equality of opportunity. Communicating and working with others - Communicate effectively with children, young people and colleagues.

		- Communicate effectively with parents and carers, conveying timely and relevant information about attainment, objectives, progress and well-being. - Recognise that communication is a two-way process and encourage parents and carers to participate in discussions about the progress, development and well-being of children and young people. - Recognise and respect the contributions that colleagues, parents and carers can make to the development and well-being of children and young people, and raising their levels of attainment. - Have a commitment to collaboration and co-operative working where appropriate Personal and professional development - Evaluate their performance and be committed to improving their practice through appropriate professional development. - Have a creative and constructively critical approach towards innovation; being prepared to adapt their practice where benefits and improvements are identified. - Act upon advice and feedback and be open to coaching and mentoring.
PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING		
To achieve the above		Teaching and learning - Have a good, up-to-date working knowledge and understanding of a range of teaching, learning and behaviour management strategies and know how to use and adapt them, including how to personalise learning to provide opportunities for all learners to achieve their potential. Assessment and monitoring - Know a range of approaches to assessment, including the importance of formative assessment. - Know how to use local and national statistical information to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching, to monitor the progress of those they teach and to raise levels of attainment. - Know how to use reports and other sources of external information related to assessment in order to provide learners with accurate and constructive feedback on their strengths, weaknesses, attainment, progress and areas for development, including action plans for improvement. Subjects and curriculum - Have a secure knowledge and understanding of the curriculum areas and related pedagogy. - Know and understand the relevant statutory and non-statutory curricula and frameworks. Subject Coordination, (no TLR) - be responsible for the coordination of a subject as determined by the headteacher

		- work with the relevant curriculum leader (who carries responsibility and accountability for the curriculum and who monitors attainment, achievement and with others evaluates the quality of teaching). - maintain materials and resources for the subject, making them accessible to others. Literacy, numeracy and ICT - Know how to use skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT to support their teaching and wider professional activities. Achievement and Diversity - Understand how children and young people develop and how the progress, rate of development and well-being of learners are affected by a range of developmental, social, religious, ethnic, cultural and linguistic influences. - Know how to make effective personalised provision for those they teach, including those for whom English is an additional language or who have special educational needs or disabilities, and how to take practical account of diversity and promote equality and inclusion in their teaching. - Understand the roles of colleagues with specific expertise - Know when to draw on the expertise of colleagues. Health and well-being - Know the current legal requirements, national policies and guidance on the safeguarding and promotion of the well-being of children and young people. - Know the local arrangements concerning the safeguarding of children and young people. - Know how to identify potential child abuse or neglect and follow safeguarding procedures. - Know how to identify and support children and young people whose progress, development or well-being is affected by changes or difficulties in their personal circumstances, and when to refer them to colleagues for specialist support.
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS		
To achieve the above		Planning - To take an active part in whole-school development planning. - Plan for progression across the age and ability range they teach, designing effective learning sequences within lessons and across series of lessons informed by secure subject/curriculum knowledge. - Design opportunities for learners to develop their literacy, numeracy, ICT and thinking and learning skills appropriate within their phase and context. - Plan, set, assess homework, and other out-of-class assignments where appropriate, to sustain learners' progress and to extend and consolidate their learning.

		Teaching • To have responsibility for a class group (unless otherwise directed by the Headteacher). • To be responsible for delivering the appropriate Stanton Vale School curriculum. • To organise the classroom, its resources, pupil groupings and displays in order to provide a stimulating learning environment. • Teach challenging, well-organised lessons and sequences of lessons across the age and ability range in which you: • Use an appropriate range of teaching strategies and resources, including e-learning, which meet learners' needs and take practical account of diversity and promote equality and inclusion • Build on the prior knowledge and attainment of those they teach in order that learners meet learning objectives and make sustained progress • Develop concepts and processes which enable learners to apply new knowledge, understanding and skills • Adapt their language to suit the learners they teach, introducing new ideas and concepts clearly, and using explanations, questions, discussions and plenaries effectively • Manage the learning of individuals, groups and whole classes effectively, modifying their teaching appropriately to suit the stage of the lesson and the needs of the learners. • Teach engaging and motivating lessons informed by well-grounded expectations of learners and designed to raise levels of attainment. Assessing, monitoring and giving feedback • To become acquainted with the planning and record keeping systems in operation in the school; to keep records efficiently and submit them for inspection on a regular basis upon request. • Make effective use of an appropriate range of observation, assessment, monitoring and recording strategies as a basis for setting challenging learning objectives and monitoring learners' progress and levels of attainment. • Provide learners, colleagues, parents and carers with timely, accurate and constructive feedback on learners' attainment, progress and areas for development. • Support and guide learners so that they can reflect on their learning, identify the progress they have made, set positive targets for improvement and become successful independent learners. • Use assessment as part of their teaching to diagnose learners' needs, set realistic and challenging targets for improvement and plan future teaching. Reviewing teaching and learning • To attend meetings when required, mainly during school hours, but sometimes out of school hours. • Review the effectiveness of their teaching and its impact on learners' progress, attainment and well-being, refining their approaches where necessary.
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		- Review the impact of the feedback provided to learners and guide learners on how to improve their attainment. Learning environment - To direct and coordinate the work of Support Staff in their class team. - Establish a purposeful and safe learning environment which complies with current legal requirements, national policies and guidance on the safeguarding and well-being of children and young people so that learners feel secure and sufficiently confident to make an active contribution to learning and to the school. - Follow the school's safeguarding policy and procedures - Identify and use opportunities to personalise and extend learning through out-of-school contexts where possible making links between in-school learning and learning in out-of-school contexts. - Manage learners' behaviour constructively by establishing and maintaining a clear and positive framework, in line with the school's behaviour policy. - Use a range of techniques and strategies to promote the behaviour, adapting them as necessary to promote the self-control and independence of learners. - Promote learners' self-control, independence and cooperation through developing their social, emotional and behavioural skills. Team Working and Collaboration - To promote good communications with parents via home/school diaries, telephone calls and meetings. - To liaise with other professions and support teachers to develop learning programmes for individual pupils and /or groups of pupils. - Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues, managing their work where appropriate and sharing the development of effective practice with them. - Ensure that colleagues working with them are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfil. Personal responsibilities - To co-operate with the school's Performance Management Procedures. - To support the Headteacher in the implementation of all school policies and procedures. - To carry out the duties and responsibilities of the post, in accordance with the school's Health and Safety Policy and relevant Health and Safety Guidance and Legislation. - To take responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. - To undertake training and professional development as appropriate. - To undertake other duties appropriate to the post that may reasonably be required from time to time.
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		Performance standards - To manage class and curriculum budgets (as appropriate) according to school policy and practice. - To keep up-to-date with developments in educational thinking. - To ensure that all services within the areas of responsibility are provided in accordance with the school's Commitment to high quality service provision to the customer. - At all times to carry out the responsibilities of the post with due regard to the school's Equal Opportunities policy.
TLR Responsibilities		Purpose of the Job: - Leadership of Foundation Curriculum taking account of National and Local Strategic developments - Line management of staff - Leadership of areas of School Improvement as identified by the Headteacher focusing on improvement of Pupil progress within Foundation curriculum area - Monitor and plan for development in the Quality of Teaching and Learning in line with school systems and under the direction of the AHT for Curriculum and Assessment. Main duties and responsibilities (Accountabilities): - Lead and manage the foundation curriculum so that all staff feel well supported, trained and perform their roles at the highest level. - Monitor and improve the quality of teaching and learning within Foundation curriculum leading to improved rates of pupil progress. - Work with stakeholders to develop an educational offer appropriate for all pupils. - As a member of staff in receipt of a Teaching and Learning Responsibility contribute to the development of school policy ensuring constant improvement in the standards of teaching and learning. - Provide an outstanding personal and professional role model for all staff in line with The Teachers Standards. - Ensure all staff implement all school policies and procedures leading to effective safeguarding of pupils in all aspects of school life. - To take part in self-evaluation and performance management processes that will provide the evidence to support these accountabilities as well as the data the school will require for school self-evaluation purposes. - Be a reflective practitioner and taking account of the school's strategic vision developing own self.
Other Generic Responsibilities:		
- Represent and promote the ethos and values of Esteem Multi-Academy Trust - To take and be accountable for all decisions made within the parameters of the job description - Participate with performance management and training and activities that contribute to personal and professional development - Actively promote and act at all times in accordance with the policies of the MAT e.g. Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities		

- Provide a high standard of customer service in all dealings internal and external to the MAT
- Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified
- Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description
- The MAT will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition

This job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the CEO to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.

Person Specification: LEAD TEACHER

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE		
Essential		• Qualified teacher status • Evidence of relevant training within the past five years • Experience of leading a subject • Experience of quality assurance for school improvement and increasing pupil progress • A working knowledge of national curriculum foundation subjects • A commitment to undertake further relevant training • Recent experience of working as a class teacher • Ability to use a range of different teaching styles and strategies appropriately • Experience of working with young people with complex needs, including ADHD, SLD, MLD, autism, SEMH, PMLD. • Experience of appropriate behaviour management techniques for children and young people with SEN, communication difficulties and challenging behaviours
Desirable		• Previous work in a multi-disciplinary team and leading a subject throughout school • Experience of leading foundation subjects across a school
KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES		
Essential		• A demonstrable, passionate commitment to improving the lives and opportunities of children and young people with special educational needs and challenging behaviours • Knowledge of the teachers' standards • Evidence of a sound knowledge of the current curriculum Initiatives to promote good to outstanding teaching, learning and behaviour. • Safeguarding and Child Protection awareness • Awareness of the needs of pupils with SEND • Knowledge of different communication strategies • Provide direct support for pupils with a range of complex special needs • Communicate professionally and confidently with colleagues, other professionals and families • Ability to work co-operatively with multi-disciplinary professionals, governors and other agencies. • Organise time and resources effectively • Ability to promote a positive image of the School together with high standards of education, care and behaviour. • Ability to contribute effectively to school self-review • Ability to remain calm and reflective when working in a challenging environment. • Good IT skills to support the organisation and management of own work as well as a teaching tool. • Proven ability to work on own initiative, be well organised, prioritise effectively and achieve results against deadlines • Able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Equal Opportunities and the Equalities Act 2010.
Desirable		• Good problem-solving strategies • Sensitivity and Tenacity

Safeguarding and checks

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Esteem Multi-Academy Trust's Safeguarding Policy applies to all adults, including volunteers and agency staff, working in or on behalf of the MAT.

Each student's welfare is of paramount importance. We recognise that some children may be especially vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with special educational needs and disabilities, those living in adverse circumstances. We recognise that children who are abused or neglected may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth and to view the world positively. We recognise that some children who have experienced abuse may harm others. We will always take a considered and sensitive approach in order that we can support all pupils within our academies.

The MAT pays full regard to the DfE 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2023' guidance. We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works for the MAT who is likely to be perceived by the pupils as a safe and trustworthy adult including volunteers and agency staff. As part of our safer recruiting practises, we scrutinise applicants; verify their identity, academic or vocational qualifications, obtain professional and personal references, check full employment history and ensure the applicant's health and physical capacity is suitable to undertake the role. Interviews and DBS checks are also undertaken.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as "spent" must be declared.

If you are currently working with children, either paid or voluntary, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including those related to children or young people (whether disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and, if so, the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings.

If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues.

Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children or young people, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children and young people, although it may be answered "not applicable", where appropriate, if your work has not brought you in to contact with children or young people.

Application process and timeline

Application forms are available on our website at <https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies>.

After the closing date, shortlisting will be conducted by a panel who will match your skills and experience against the criteria in the Person Specification. You will be selected for interview purely on your application form, so please ensure that you read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your application form.

All candidates invited to the interview and assessment day must bring the following documents; original documents only, copies will not be accepted:

- Documentary evidence for your right to work in the UK
- Documentary evidence of identity which meets the DBS requirements i.e. current photocard driving licence including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate
- Documentary proof of current name and address i.e. utility bill, financial statement etc.
- Where appropriate, documentation evidencing a name change
- Educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

Further information relating to DBS check documentation requirements can be found on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-the-applicant-must-provide>.

If you are not the successful candidate, all your personal information will be destroyed, in a secure way, in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR May 2018) guidelines.

References will be sought for shortlisted candidates for any central office-based positions and we may approach previous employers for information to verify experience or qualifications prior to interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be discussed at interview.

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