

Long Meadow School

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our school. The enclosed application pack contains a number of documents providing background information about our school and the post of a Learning Support Assistant. We hope that you will find this information useful and we look forward to hearing from you.

Making an Application

Application Form

If you wish to be considered for this post please complete the enclosed application form providing full details of your education and employment history, including any unpaid or voluntary work. Where there are gaps in your employment please state the reasons why (e.g. gap year, career break, unemployment etc). An electronic version on the application form can be found on the school's website <https://www.longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk/>

You will note that we require details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer.

CVs are not accepted as part of the application process.

Supporting Information

Please provide supporting information on the application form or in a separate letter, detailing your experience of working with children and what you would offer to our school.

Please return your completed application form to the school by the closing date which is Monday 7th February 2022 at noon.

Interview and Selection Process

Those candidates who meet all the requirements for the post will be shortlisted and details of the interview programme will be confirmed in writing.

Interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February 2022.

As part of the selection process, in addition to assessing your skills and knowledge against the requirements of this role, specific questions will be asked to assess your suitability to work with children.

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and 2005, we are legally required to consider making reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not disadvantaged in the recruitment and selection process. We are therefore committed to meeting, wherever possible, any needs you specify on the application form. Please contact the school if you need to discuss this in any detail.

We will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the act) to meet the requirements of the post.

Induction and Continuous Professional Development

The Headteacher and Governing Body are committed to ensuring your well being and continuous professional development in this role. On appointment the Headteacher will discuss an appropriate induction programme with you that will help familiarise you with the culture of the school, local practices, policies and expectations.

You will be offered the opportunity to further develop your professional knowledge by participating in local training events and, where appropriate, working towards further qualifications.

Pre-Employment Checks

References

If you are shortlisted we will normally take up references before the interview date. One of your referees must be your current or most recent employer. Two satisfactory references must be received before we confirm any offer of appointment. The information we request will relate to salary, length of service, sickness absence record, skills and abilities, suitability for the job, disciplinary record and suitability to work with children.

Copies of references or references that are addressed 'to whom it may concern' will not be accepted. On receipt of references, your referees may be contacted to verify any discrepancies, anomalies or relevant issues as part of the recruitment verification process.

Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check with barred list check

Employment at this school is subject to an enhanced DBS with children's barred list check with the Criminal Records Bureau. All such checks must be satisfactory before we confirm any offer of an appointment.

Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemption Amendment) Order 1986, there are a number of jobs where we must take account of convictions, even though they are 'spent'. All posts at this school are regarded as such. However, spent and/or unspent convictions may not necessarily make you unsuitable for appointment.

Validation of Qualifications

The successful candidate will be asked to provide original certificates of relevant qualifications. These will be photocopied and kept on file and may be confirmed as genuine with the relevant awarding bodies.

Right to Work in the United Kingdom

Under the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, it is a criminal offence to employ anyone who is not entitled to live or work in the United Kingdom. The successful applicant can expect us to ask for proof of this and you will be asked to provide some original documentation to confirm that you are eligible to work within the UK. Photographic proof of identity will also be required.

Medical Assessment

A satisfactory medical assessment will be required before we confirm any offer of appointment.

School Policies

Child Protection

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a designated senior member of the leadership team who is responsible for referring and monitoring any suspected case of abuse. All members of staff will receive training in line with our child protection policy.

Whistle Blowing

We recognise that children cannot be expected to raise concerns in an environment where staff fail to do so. Therefore, our policy is to ensure that all staff are made aware of their duty to raise concerns about any inappropriate attitude or actions of colleagues.

Code of Conduct and Personal Behaviour

The school believes that it is essential for standards of conduct at work to be maintained to ensure delivery of quality services and also to protect the well being of all its employees and pupils.

The Headteacher and Governing Body regard everyone working at our school as a role model to our pupils. As such, employees should conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality and honesty. Furthermore, everyone in the school has an absolute duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children. Registered teachers are in addition bound by the codes and professional values of the GTCE (General Teaching Council, England). While registered teachers are bound by the code, the school considers the principles to apply to all staff employed at the school.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to promoting best practice in our efforts to eliminate discrimination and to create a working and learning environment where all are treated fairly and with respect.

We act to ensure that nobody is treated less favourably than anyone else because of their colour, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age.

Full details of all these policies are available in school.