

**Learning Academy Partnership
Dunsford Community Academy
Learning Support Assistant
Fixed Term – 25 Hours Per Week / 39 Weeks Per Year
NJC Grade C (Torbay) – £12.85 – £13.05 per hour
Required as soon as possible**

The Learning Academy Partnership has an exciting opportunity for a Learning Support Assistant to join our School Trust, based in Dunsford Community Academy. Dunsford lies within the heart of the local community, just a 25-minute drive from both Exeter and Newton Abbot on the edge of the stunning Dartmoor National Park.

At Dunsford, we believe that education is about more than lessons in a classroom - it's about sparking curiosity, building confidence, and giving every child the best possible start in life. As a village school at the heart of our community, we value the strong relationships we have with our families and work in partnership to help our children flourish in every aspect of their lives.

Our curriculum is rich, balanced, and full of opportunities to explore, create, and inspire. From a full-sized football pitch to our wild garden and Forest School, we make the most of our incredible outdoor spaces where a wealth of natural resources makes learning fun and awe-inspiring.

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant to join us who is inspired by our mission and wants to be part of a Trust where children are at the heart of everything we do. You will play a vital role in supporting and nurturing our children, including those with Special Educational Needs, helping to remove barriers to learning so every child can flourish.

Our ideal candidate will be committed to making a profound difference, particularly for our most disadvantaged children, empowering them with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and resilience they need to thrive. Experience with autism, speech and language development, and knowledge of phonics would also be an advantage, but not essential. The successful candidate will hold a minimum of a Level 3 qualification that is recognised as full and relevant by the DfE.

Our Trust is dedicated to building an authentic workforce, so if you are excited about this role but your past experience looks a little different to what we've identified, we encourage you to apply anyway. You may just be the perfect candidate! We are proud that we are a single organisation with a shared responsibility for all children, and one where you will feel professionally nourished through our extensive development practice and strong wellness offer.

Our School Trust is underpinned by our four core beliefs; **we are stronger together, a sense of belonging; removing barriers and realising the possible**. This means that by working collectively, we can achieve our absolute best to ensure that children, especially the most vulnerable, can flourish. Our ethos is one of working together to **Empower, Excel, Together**.

What we can offer you:

- **Make a real difference** – every day you'll have the chance to make a profound difference to children's lives.
- **Be part of something bigger** – you will be part of a values-led School Trust where we collaborate, innovate, and succeed together.
- **We invest in you** – our People Strategy ensures you're nurtured, supported, and given opportunities to develop so you can provide the very best for our children.
- **Grow your expertise** – access to our high-quality professional development, career pathways, and bespoke CPD; we're committed to your personal and professional growth.
- **A genuine commitment to life balance** – we prioritise colleague wellness and actively support a healthy, sustainable approach to work.
- **Comprehensive wellbeing support** – access to a confidential, 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme whenever you need it.
- **Flexibility that fits life** – our family-friendly policies help you balance work with what matters most.
- **Perks and savings** – from Cycle to Work and Tech schemes, to lifestyle discounts and benefits.
- **A pension you can count on** – generous Local Government Pension Scheme.

We want to support you in deciding if we are a School Trust that you would like to join. We recommend that you arrange a visit or virtual call so that you can better understand if we are an organisation which excites you and can support you to flourish. Please contact Liam O'Sullivan – Telephone 01626 572971 or email dunford@lapsw.org – to arrange an appointment.

For further details and to apply, please refer to the Vacancies section of the Trust website www.lapsw.co.uk

We are committed to making our application process accessible to everyone. If you have a disability, neurodivergent condition (such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or autism), or any other additional needs, we will work with you to ensure you have the support you need. Please use the links below for more information, or contact us to discuss any adjustments that would help you take part fully in the process.

<https://exceptionalindividuals.com/neurodiversity/>

<https://www.healthassured.org/blog/neurodiversity/>

The closing date for applications is **Friday 3rd July (9am)** however please feel free to apply as soon as possible, as applications will be considered upon receipt. We reserve the right to interview / appoint before the closing date. Interviews are anticipated to take place **on Friday 10th July.**



The Learning Academy Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS disclosures are required for this post along with the other necessary checks. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>

