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# **Night Wake Attendant**

Grade 05 (Point 04-05)

ACTUAL SALARY: £5,955.51 to £6,185.98
(+ Enhancements (1/3 hourly rate between 19:00 and 07:00 which equates to up to an additional £1,361.85pa)

Contract: 10.5 hours per week (1 night) 10.30pm9am, (working day to be agreed) 39 weeks per year
(term time only)
Start Date: ASAP

# **CANDIDATE INFORMATON PACK**



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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 Night Wake Attendant position presents a fantastic opportunity for someone who shares our values and

beliefs to join our team at a very exciting time.

Holbrook School for Autism is a successful school and is proud to meet the educational and social needs of students aged 4-19 with ASD, SLD and who have challenging behaviour as a result of their communication difficulties and their lack of social understanding. We also have a primary provision for students with autism and average ability.

We are keen to employ a passionate and empathetic Night Wake Attendant to supervise resident young people at night-time, attend to their needs and carry out light domestic tasks in accordance with the school's aims and philosophies, policies, procedures and practices and the National Minimum Standards.

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 Esme Kavanagh, Head of Residential Care, Holbrook School for Autism, on 01332 880208, via email to <a href="mailto:ekavanagh@holbrookschoolforautism.co.uk">ekavanagh@holbrookschoolforautism.co.uk</a> or visit our website at www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.

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

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Julian Scholefield
Chief Executive Officer

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## **About Esteem Multi-Academy Trust**

Esteem MAT was formed in 2018 and now consists of 14 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 applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Night Wake Attendant at Holbrook School for Autism. I am very pleased that you are considering applying to work in a successful, fun and innovative special school.

Every autistic child and young person at Holbrook has individual needs and abilities. As a staff team, we are passionate about working with students with autism, enabling our students to overcome challenges and make the most of life's opportunities by preparing and supporting each one of them to be active citizens in the wider community.

As Headteacher, I am committed to promoting emotional wellbeing and positive mental health, we embed a culture which values the happiness and emotional welfare of all our students, staff, parents, and stakeholders. We were awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools which recognised the fantastic work we do as a school.

We are keen to employ a Night Wake Attendant within our Residential provision to Supervise resident young people at night-time, attend to their needs and carry out light domestic tasks in accordance with the school's aims and philosophies, policies, procedures and practices and the National Minimum Standards.

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

- A supportive, collaborative, and friendly staff environment in a rural school setting where you will have the chance to make a real and positive impact on the lives of Holbrook School for Autism's students.
- Professional and continuous training programmes and a supportive career progression.
- Generous pension schemes (LGPS Pension Scheme)
- A range of health and wellbeing services through Westfield Health
- Free, on-site car parking
- School social events
- A commitment to staff well-being.





We welcome applications from candidates who, having read the application pack, feel they have the necessary skills and experience to fulfil the role. The closing date for applications is on **Sunday 01 December 2024 at 23:59**.

Interviews for this post will be held week commencing Monday 02 December 2024.

I wish you well in your application.

Yours faithfully,

Sam Bayliss

**Executive Headteacher** 

Holbrook School for Autism





#### **About Holbrook School for Autism**

Holbrook School for Autism provides specialist education and care for students with a diagnosis of autism aged 4-19, split over two sites in Holbrook and Belper; there are currently 157 students on roll. We also have a residential facility based at the Holbrook site that provides accommodation for up to 28 students a week, 7 per night, Monday to Thursday term time only.

The main cohort of our students have autism with profound learning difficulties and can present extremely challenging behaviour. The academy practices 'Team Teach', a holistic approach to behaviour support and interventions.

In addition to the main school, we also have a provision known as 'The Hub', which supports primary aged students with autism who can be working at age-related expectations. These students are currently unable to access mainstream school due to complex needs and behaviours and may have additional mental health needs.

Based in a rural area, Holbrook site has expansive grounds housing specialist climbing equipment for the younger students, trampolines and outdoor gym equipment. It also has access to a wooded area enabling us to provide Forest Schools.

The Belper site accommodates six classes of students aged 14-19. The town location allows for community cohesion, work experience opportunities and has good access links enabling students to participate in travel training.

We provide a personalised curriculum, designed to address the holistic needs of our students. Students have identified differentiation as part of their 'My Plan' and individual timetables as appropriate, as well as working on the key skills of literacy, numeracy, and all the national curriculum subjects.

Situated in Derbyshire, most of our students live within the county including a significant number from Derby City. We also accept a small number from Staffordshire and Nottinghamshire.

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





#### The advertisement

Job Title: Night Wake Attendant

Location: Holbrook School for Autism, Portway Holbrook DE56 0TE

**Grade/Scale:** Grade 05 (Point 04-05) Actual Salary £5,955.51 to £6,185.98 (+ Enhancements (1/3 hourly rate between 19:00 and 07:00 which equates to up to an additional £1,361.85pa)

Start date: ASAP

**Contract:** 10.5 hours per week, 10.30pm to 9am, 39 weeks per year (TTO).

The Holbrook School for Autism is a specialist school for children & young people aged 4-19 with autism and associated difficulties. Our students, may at times, display challenging behaviour related to their communication, social interaction and/or sensory processing difficulties.

Within a safe, structured and predictable environment, we deliver a person-centred curriculum that supports students in developing independence, confidence, academic and life skills. We strive to enable our students to participate fully in opportunities and experiences both in school and the wider community, so that students can make informed life choices.

We are keen to employ a passionate and empathetic Night Wake Attendant to supervise resident young people at night-time, attend to their needs and carry out light domestic tasks in accordance with the school's aims and philosophies, policies, procedures and practices and the National Minimum Standards.

Reporting to the Head of Residential Care, the ideal candidate will have ability to work unsupervised and as part of a team. Proven experience of working with children with special needs, autism, communication difficulties and / or challenging behaviour is desirable.

Benefits include: LGPS, Westfield Health membership and free parking.

For further information or visits to the school, please contact Esme Kavanagh, Head of Residential Holbrook School Care at Autism, on 01332 880208, via email ekavanagh@holbrookschoolforautism.co.uk visit or our website https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies. Please use the relevant application form on the MAT website; CVs alone will not be accepted.

# Closing date for applications: Sunday 01 December 2024 (23:59) Interview date: week commencing Monday 02 December 2024

Esteem Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students. We expect all staff, volunteers and agency staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided.





### **Job Description and Person Specification**

Job Description: Night Wake Attendant

Holbrook School for Autism, Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

| Post Title:      | Night Wake Attendant   |
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|                  |  |
| Location:        | Holbrook School for Autism, Portway, Holbrook, DE56 0TE  |
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| Purpose:         | To supervise resident young people at night-time, attend to their needs and carry out light domestic tasks in accordance with the school's aims and philosophies, policies, procedures and practices and the National Minimum Standards. |
| Reporting to:    | Head of Care, Headteacher,   |
|                  |  |
| Responsible for: | The welfare and general safety of children in residential overnight.   |
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| Liaising with:   | Residential Care Team  |
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| Working Time:    | 10.5 hours per week (1 night) 39 weeks per year – between 10.30pm and 9am.   |
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| Salary/Grade:    | Grade 05 (Point 04-05) Actual Salary £5,955.51 to £6,185.98 (+ Enhancements, at 1/3  |
|                  | per hour between 7pm to 7am which equates to up to an additional £1,361.85pa)  |
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| Disclosure level | Enhanced   |

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To be responsible for the welfare and general safety of seven students in residential at night.
- To be a proactive team member alongside two other night wake attendants and a nightly sleep in. To be confident in contacting the senior leadership member on call as appropriate.
- To be prepared to be the first person to organise and set in motion relevant procedures in the event of an emergency.
- To be able and willing to make decisions in an unsupervised situation.
- To create a warm and caring 'home from home' environment for the students ensuring that their physical and emotional needs are met and ensure they enjoy appropriate privacy and security.
- To complete 30 minute checks on each student throughout the night, keeping accurate records of any illness, disturbance and incidents of concern that may occur during the night and to report this to the senior person on duty the following morning.
- To comfort and assist any children who may wake up during the night.
- To be confident in implementing the residential values Dream Explore Grow, which ensure a person centred approach to students education and care.
- To support students in their personal care needs, including toileting and bathing, in a dignified manner.
- To liaise with parents/ carers/ guardians around issues relating to students care, education and wellbeing each morning.





- Support students to prepare and serve their breakfast meal.
- To be aware of the medical needs of the children and act accordingly including the administration of medication or first aid when needed.
- Willingness to participate in staff development initiatives and make use of training opportunities offered in order to meet both individual and organisational needs.
- To undertake light administrative duties relating to the residential provision.
- To clean areas of residential as directed.
- General tidying up and preparation of rooms for the following day's activities.
- To rotate and fold away, daily laundry.
- Cleaning soft equipment, toys, and resources.
- To undertake any such duties as determined in consultation with the Headteacher and Head of Care.

#### 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.





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## Person Specification: Night Wake Attendant Esteem Multi-Academy Trust

| QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE   |  |  |
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| Essential                       | <ul> <li>Hold or willing to work towards NVQ level 3 Diploma in<br/>Residential Childcare</li> <li>Experience working in a care or education setting</li> </ul>  |  |
| Desirable                       | <ul> <li>Experience working with students with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties</li> <li>Current First Aid certificate.</li> <li>Ability to support students with a range of medical conditions and following associated procedures (e.g. epilepsy).</li> </ul> |  |
| KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES |  |  |
| Essential                       | <ul> <li>Ability to work in an unsupervised situation.</li> <li>Ability to work as a team member.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Desirable                       | <ul> <li>A range of communication skills or systems for students with<br/>learning difficulties (including signing and objects of<br/>reference).</li> </ul>   |  |





#### 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. Esteem Multi-Academy Trust's Safeguarding Policy applies to all adults, including volunteers and agency staff, working in or on behalf of the MAT. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be found on the Esteem MAT website: <a href="https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/policy-documents/">https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/policy-documents/</a>

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 students within our academies.

The MAT pays full regard to the DfE 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2024' 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 students 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 <a href="https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies">https://www.esteemmat.co.uk/vacancies</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-the-applicant-must-provide">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-the-applicant-must-provide</a>.

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.

Your completed application form and supporting letter should address and evidence the essential and desired criteria in the Person Specification.

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