**TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPEC**

**Job Title:** **SEN Teacher**

**Pay Scale:**  **Main Scale Point 3 - 6**

**Location:**  **Cloudside Academy**

**Line Manager:**  **Head Teacher**

**As a special educational needs (SEN) teacher you'll work with children and young people who need extra support, or require an advanced programme of learning, in order to reach their full educational potential.**

You may work with individuals who have physical disabilities, sensory impairments (i.e. hearing or visual), speech and language difficulties, learning difficulties such as dyslexia, conditions such as autism, social, emotional and mental health needs, or have a combination of these difficulties.

You may also work with gifted and talented individuals.

A key aspect of working in this field is identifying individual needs and being responsible for creating a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

**Specific Responsibilities for this role**

* teach either individuals or small groups of pupils within, or outside, the class
* prepare lessons and resources
* mark and assess work
* use specialist skills, such as sign language and lip reading to students who have hearing impairments
* collaborate with the classroom teacher to define appropriate activities for the pupils in relation to the curriculum
* assess children who have long or short-term learning difficulties and work with colleagues to identify individual pupils' special needs
* work with the Head of School and governing body to ensure that the requirements of the Equality Act (2010) are met in terms of reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
* liaise with other professionals, such as social workers, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and educational psychologists
* work closely with parents/carers
* organise learning outside the classroom in activities such as community visits, school outings or sporting events
* assist in severely disabled pupils' personal care/medical needs
* carry out administrative tasks, including updating and maintaining records of pupils' progress
* attend statutory annual reviews or other related meetings, such as Looked After Child (LAC) reviews, regarding students with an SEN, which may involve reviewing education, health and care (EHC) plans
* attend in-service training

Skills

You'll need to show:

* commitment to working with pupils with special educational needs
* excellent communication and interpersonal skills
* the ability to build good relationships based on trust with pupils and their families
* behaviour management skills, with the ability to manage confrontation and challenging behaviour
* initiative and problem-solving skills
* team working skills to liaise with other teachers, teaching assistants, and other professionals such as educational psychologists, speech and language therapists and social workers
* organisational skills
* an observant and responsive approach
* flexibility - it's important to be able to respond to the needs of the children and adapt or change plans accordingly
* a positive, energetic and enthusiastic outlook
* patience, understanding and empathy with pupils and parents
* a sense of humour.

**Core Duties and Responsibilities**

**Teaching**

50.2. Plan and teach lessons to the classes they are assigned to teach within the context of the school’s plans, curriculum and schemes of work.

50.3. Assess, monitor, record and report on the learning needs, progress and achievements of assigned pupils.

50.4. Participate in arrangements for preparing pupils for external examinations.

**Whole school organisation, strategy and development**

50.5. Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school’s policies, practices and procedures in such a way as to support the school’s values and vision.

50.6. Work with others on curriculum and/or pupil development to secure co-ordinated outcomes.

50.7. Subject to paragraph 52.7 supervise and so far as practicable teach any pupils where the person timetabled to take the class is not available to do so.

**Health, safety and discipline**

50.8. Promote the safety and well-being of pupils.

50.9. Maintain good order and discipline among pupils.

**Management of staff and resources**

50.10.Direct and supervise support staff assigned to them and, where appropriate, other teachers.

50.11.Contribute to the recruitment, selection, appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff.

50.12.Deploy resources delegated to them

Taken from the Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document 2020 DfE

**Job purpose:**

* To exemplify excellent classroom practice that results in high standards of learning and achievement for the pupils/students in your care.
* To support the Senior Leadership Team in establishing a culture that promotes excellence, equality and high expectations of all pupils/students and the L.E.A.D. Trust values.
* To ensure that your professional practice is informed by rigorous self-evaluation and that it continuously improves learning and pastoral outcomes.
* To ensure that you provide a safe and happy environment that promotes the welfare of children.
* To ensure all safeguarding and child protection policies are adhered to fully and without reservation in line with statutory duties.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

**Teaching and learning**

* Set high expectations for all pupils/students which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils/students.
* Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils/students, rooted in mutual respect.
* Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils/students of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions.
* Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils/students.
* Promote excellent learning behaviours in the pupils/students so that they work hard in the academy and in completing tasks set for homework.

**Promote good progress and outcomes**

* Be accountable for all pupils/students’ attainment, progress and outcomes assigned to them.
* Be aware of pupils/students’ capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these.
* Guide pupils/students to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs.
* Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how children learn and how this impacts on the organisation of the classroom and teaching.
* Encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.
* Encourage pupils/students to develop study skills in order to learn more effectively and with increasing independence.

**Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge**

* Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subjects and curriculum areas taught, foster and maintain pupils/students’ interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings.
* Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subjects and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship.
* Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English in all work produced.
* If teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics.
* If teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies.

**Plan and teach well-structured lessons**

* Impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time.
* Promote a love of learning and children’s intellectual curiosity.
* Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired.
* Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching.
* Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

**Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils/students**

* Know when and how to differentiate appropriately.
* Understand how a range of factors can inhibit pupils/students’ ability to learn, apply this understanding to overcome these restrictions to learning.
* Demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils/students’ education at different stages.
* Have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils/students, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

**Make accurate and productive use of assessment**

* Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements.
* Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils/students’ progress.
* Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons.
* Give pupils/students regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils/students to respond to the feedback.

**Behaviour and safety and Personal Development**

* Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a purposeful, stimulating and safe learning environment.
* Have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the site, in accordance with the academy’s behaviour policy.
* Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly.
* Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils/students’ needs in order to involve and motivate them.
* Maintain good relationships with pupils/students, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.
* Carry out playground/bus and other duties as directed and within the remit of the current School teachers’ pay and Conditions Document.
* Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people within the academy, raising any concerns by following the academy safeguarding policies and procedures.
* Promote British values, equalities and pupils’/students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

**Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**

* Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the academy.
* Develop effective and collaborative professional relationships with colleagues, drawing appropriately on advice and specialist support.
* Deploy support staff effectively.
* Ensure that parents/carers and pupils/students are well informed about the curriculum, attainment and progress and about the contribution they can make in supporting their child’s learning and wellbeing.
* Provide the senior leadership team on request accurate, timely and coherent information about class, group or individual pupil/student progress and attainment in order to inform regular academy development planning.
* Carry out any such duties as may be reasonably required by the Headteacher.

**Team working and collaboration**

* Participate in any relevant meetings/professional development opportunities which relate to the learners, curriculum or organisation of the academy including pastoral arrangements and assemblies.
* Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues and sharing the development of effective practice with them.
* Contribute to the selection and professional development of other teachers and support staff including the induction and assessment of new teachers, teachers serving induction periods and where appropriate threshold assessments.
* Ensure that colleagues working with you are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfil.
* Take part as required in the review, development and management of the activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the academy.
* Cover for absent colleagues within the remit of the current School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions document.

**Administration**

* Register the attendance of and supervise learners, before, during or after sessions as appropriate.
* Participate in and carry out any administrative and organisational tasks within the remit of the current School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document.

**Professional development**

* Regularly review the effectiveness of your teaching and assessment procedures and its impact on pupils’ progress, attainment and wellbeing, refining your approaches where necessary and responding to advice and feedback from colleagues.
* Be responsible for improving your teaching through participating fully in training and development opportunities identified by the school or as developed as an outcome of your performance management.

**Resource Management:**

* Responsibility for the safe use and safe keeping of Academy and Trust resources in line with the requirements of the role.

**Influencing and Managing Relationships:**

* Required to have positive working relationships with The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team within the Academy and all other Trust schools as required.
* Positive working relationships with teaching and support staff, parents and other third party organisations as required.

As job descriptions cannot be exhaustive, the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties which are broadly in line with above key responsibilities.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and individually take responsibility for doing so.

This job description is current at the date shown, but in consultation with you may be changed to reflect or anticipate changes in the job, commensurate with the grade and job title. This includes changes to National Teacher Standards and requirements of the professional role.

At L.E.A.D we have a strong vision and four core principles, to lead, empower, achieve and drive, which you will be expected to demonstrate in your working practices.

**Teacher Person Specification**

This job description lists the competencies expected of an experienced/fully trained post-holder. The two right hand columns provide guidance for the appointment of new staff. (E = Essential criteria, D + Desirable criteria)

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| **Qualifications and Attainments** | * Qualified teacher with QTS or recognised equivalent * Teaching experience within the age range and/or subjects applying for (NQT status may also be relevant) | E  E |  |
| **Skills and**  **knowledge** | * Ability to create a stimulating and safe learning environment. * Ability to establish and maintain a purposeful working atmosphere * Ability to plans, prepare and deliver the curriculum as relevant to the age and ability group/subjects taught * Ability to assesses and record the progress of pupils learning to inform next steps and monitor progress * Ability to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities and uses a variety of strategies and practices to promote inclusion in the classroom * Ability to teach using a wide variety of strategies to maximise achievement for all children including those with special educational needs and high achievers and to meet differing learning styles * Ability to deploy a wide range of effective behaviour management strategies * Ability to demonstrate current knowledge and understanding of national and local education issues * Ability to contributes to a culture of collaborative working to develop professional practice | E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E | D |
| **Experience** | Demonstrable understanding of:   * The developmental, emotional, social and educational issues of children and young people * Awareness of the range of needs of children within the classroom * Keeping children safe   Proven experience:   * Experience within teaching environment at relevant age level * Recent experience in work with children and families * Management Information Systems e.g. SIMS,   MyConcern | E  E  E  E  E | D |
| **Personal Attributes** | * Approachability, enthusiasm and creativity * Honesty and Integrity * Discretion * Patience, tolerance and sensitivity * Flexibility * Resilience * Organisational skills * Commitment to make a difference * Demonstrable commitment to personal CPD | E  E E E E E  E  E  E |  |
| **Additional Requirements** | * This role is subject to an enhanced DBS * May be required to travel to other Trust locations or third party services as part of the role * Hold a driving licence and have access to own vehicle | E  E | D |