

POST: TEACHER

Statement of Purpose:

Teachers make the education of their students their first concern and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct.

Teachers act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teachers up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of their students.

Teachers provide outstanding quality education and therapeutic learning support to students with a wide range of special educational needs, and through that, ensure that students are well equipped to lead healthy, happy and fulfilling lives. They lead staff in line with school's vision and mission statement and always promote the school's core values.

Responsible to:

All staff are ultimately responsible to the Headteacher, although your line manager may be another senior leader.

You may be required, at the direction of the Headteacher, to contribute to the teaching of subjects which are the responsibility of departments other than that to which you have been assigned.

The school monitors your professional duties in respect of such teaching and provide feedback to you and your assigned line manager.

A/ RESPONSIBILITIES

A teacher must:

1 Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students

- establish a safe and stimulating environment for students, rooted in mutual respect
- set goals that stretch and challenge students of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
- demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of students.

2 Promote good progress and outcomes by students

- be accountable for students' attainment, progress and outcomes
- be aware of students' capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these
- guide students to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how students learn and how this impacts on teaching
- encourage students to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

3 Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

- have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain students' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
- demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject 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, whatever the teacher's specialist subject
- if teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
- if teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies.

4 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 students 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).

5 Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students

- know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable students to be taught effectively
- have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit students' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these
- demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support students' education at different stages of development
- have a clear understanding of the needs of all 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.

6 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 students' progress
- use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
- give students regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage students to respond to the feedback.

7 Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

- have clear routines and promote the values for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy
- have high expectations of behaviour, and use the Nurture approach to implement a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly

- manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to students' needs in order to involve and motivate them
- maintain good relationships with students, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

8 Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

- make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
- develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support
- deploy support staff effectively
- take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
- communicate effectively with parents with regard to students' achievements and well-being.

B/ PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.

The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

- Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:
 - treating students with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and always observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position
 - having regard for the need to safeguard students' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
 - showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
 - not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
 - ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit students' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
- Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.
- Teachers must understand, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

C/ PRACTICAL DUTIES AS A TEACHER

The following duties are common to the job descriptions of all teachers in the school regardless of any additional specific duties listed below and form the basis of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Teaching

- Plan and prepare courses and lessons in accordance with the defined curriculum of the school
- Teach, according to their educational needs, the students assigned to you, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by students at school or elsewhere
- Assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of students
- Promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and any class or group of students assigned to you
- Provide guidance and advice to students on educational and social matters and on their further education and future careers, including information about sources of more expert advice on specific questions. Communicate and consult with the parents or guardians of students **after** consultation with the relevant leader.
- Communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the school and participate in meetings arranged for such purposes **after** consultation with the relevant leader.
- Take responsibility for financial arrangements for school trips or visits, as defined in the school's financial regulations, where the teacher has agreed to be involved with such a trip or visit.

Assessments, Reports and Registers

- Provide and contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- Take a register at the assigned times. The register is a legal document. Information in it must be kept up to date. All student absences must be accounted for by a parental letter and any not so covered must be reported to the relevant leader. Only the Headteacher can authorise a student absence, not the parents, thus reasons for absence, other than illness, must be referred to the relevant leader.

Supervisory Duties

- To carry out a share of supervisory duties before, during and after the school sessions. To ensure the safe arrival and departure of students and deal with parental enquiries you are required to be on the premises at least ten minutes before the start of the morning session and for ten minutes after the end of the afternoon session. This time is accounted for your prescribed working time. Permission to be absent at these times must be obtained from the Headteacher.

Appraisal

- Participate in arrangements for your appraisal and that of other staff.

Training and Development

- Review regularly your methods of teaching and programmes of work and participate in arrangements for your further training and development as a teacher.

Educational Methods

- Advise and co-operate with the Headteacher, leaders and other teachers in the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials, teaching programmes, methods of teaching and assessment and pastoral arrangements.

Discipline, Health and Safety

- You are required to maintain good order and discipline among the students and safeguard their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere. You are responsible for the health and safety of students in a class assigned to you. Students must not be left unattended in a classroom without adequate supervision.

Staff Meetings

- You will be required to attend meetings at the school which relate to the curriculum, or the administration or organisation of the school including pastoral arrangements, in accordance with your prescribed working time.

Public Examinations

- You may be required to participate in arrangements for preparing students for public examinations and in assessing students for the purpose of such examinations: recording and

reporting such assessments and to participate in the arrangements for students' presentation for and supervision during the examinations.

Emergency Cover

- You will be required to supervise and so far as practicable teach any students assigned to you due to their teacher not being available. The requirement to provide emergency cover for unavailable colleagues will be consistent with the current Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Working Time

- You must be available for work for 195 days in any school year, of which for 190 days you will be required to teach students in addition to carrying out other duties. These duties will be carried out at such times and places as the Headteacher will specify for 1265 hours in one year. This requirement is consistent with the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.
- In addition to the requirements set out in the above paragraph, you will be required to work such additional hours as may be needed to enable you to effectively discharge your professional duties, including, the marking of students' work, the writing of reports on students and the preparation of lessons, teaching material and teaching programmes. The amount of time required for this purpose beyond the 1265 hours referred to above is a matter for your professional judgement and will depend upon the work needed for you to discharge your duties as a teacher.

Please note

This work sometimes involves sitting at low tables or on the floor and may involve restraint of students for which training is provided. The work is in a hectic and noisy environment with constant interruptions from children.

Working with Special Education Needs students requires a particular understanding and appreciation of the individual needs such as physical limitations, learning, emotional, behavioural and language difficulties or problems with organisation. The behaviour of such children is often extremely challenging and is therefore emotionally and physically demanding. In some cases, the nature of the students' special needs may result in staff being verbally or physically assaulted.

This is not an exclusive or exhaustive range of responsibilities, but rather an indicative list. You may be required to carry out further duties as reasonably required and commensurate with the position.