



Person Specification - SENDCO

This person specification should be read in conjunction with the latest School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. It may be modified by the Headteacher, with your agreement, to reflect or anticipate changes in the job, commensurate with the salary and job title.

Category	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications/ Professional Development	Qualified teacher status Evidence of continuing professional development relating to school leadership and management, and curriculum/teaching and learning Ability to identify own learning needs and to support others in identifying their learning needs	Postgraduate level qualification NPQSL/NPQML award or Leadership Pathways certification National Award in SEN Co-ordination Experience of working with other schools/organisations/agencies Experience of leading/coordinating professional development opportunities
Experience	Successful experience of leading one or more subject areas Substantial, successful teaching experience at outstanding grade Successful experience in a leadership and management role At least 5 years successful teaching experience in the primary age range.	Teaching experience in at least 2 of the 3 key stages. Curriculum leadership in one or more core subjects Experience of teaching in more than one school Experience as a senior leader
Strategic Leadership	Ability to articulate and share a vision of primary education within the context of the school's mission statement Ability to inspire and motivate staff, pupils, parents and governors to achieve the aims of the school Evidence of successful strategies for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation school improvement Ability to analyse data, develop strategic plans, set targets and monitor/evaluate progress towards these	Knowledge of the role of the governing body Evidence of having successfully translated vision into reality at whole school level

	<p>Knowledge of what constitutes quality in educational provision, the characteristics of effective schools and strategies for raising standards and the achievement of all pupils</p> <p>Understanding of and commitment to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils</p>	
Teaching and Learning	<p>A secure understanding of the requirements of the National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum</p> <p>Knowledge and experience of a range of successful teaching and learning strategies to meet the needs of all pupils</p> <p>A secure understanding of assessment strategies and the use of assessment to inform the next stages of learning</p> <p>Experience of effective monitoring and evaluation of teaching and learning</p> <p>Secure knowledge of statutory requirements relating to the curriculum and assessment</p> <p>Understanding of the characteristics of an effective learning environment and the key elements of successful behaviour management</p>	<p>Understanding of successful teaching and learning across the entire curriculum across all key stages</p> <p>Successful experience in creating an effective learning environment and in developing and implementing policy and practice relating to behaviour management</p> <p>Whole school curriculum leadership</p> <p>Promoting SMSC of pupils across the curriculum</p>
Leading and Managing Staff	<p>Experience of working and leading staff teams</p> <p>Ability to delegate work and support colleagues in undertaking responsibilities</p> <p>Experience of performance management and supporting the professional development of colleagues</p> <p>Understanding of effective budget planning and resource deployment</p> <p>Leadership of middle management / phase leaders</p>	<p>Experience of working with governors to enable them to fulfil whole school responsibilities</p> <p>Successful involvement in staff recruitment, appointment/induction,</p> <p>Understanding of how financial and resource management enable a school to achieve its educational priorities</p>

Accountability	<p>Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing to a range of audiences – e.g. staff, pupils, parents, governors,</p> <p>Experience of effective whole school self-evaluation and improvement strategies</p> <p>Ability to provide clear information and advice to staff and governors</p> <p>Secure understanding of current practice in performance management, including capability</p>	<p>Experience of presenting reports to governors</p> <p>Understanding the criteria for the evaluation of finance and budgets</p> <p>Leading sessions to inform parents</p> <p>Experience of offering challenge and support to improve performance</p>
Skills, Qualities & Abilities	<p>High quality teaching skills</p> <p>Strong commitment to the mission statement and church ethos</p> <p>High expectations of pupils' learning and attainment</p> <p>Strong commitment to school improvement and raising achievement for all</p> <p>Ability to build and maintain good relationships</p> <p>Ability to remain positive and enthusiastic when working under pressure</p> <p>Ability to organise work, prioritise tasks, make decisions and manage time effectively</p> <p>Empathy with children</p> <p>Good communication and interpersonal skills</p> <p>Stamina, flexibility and resilience</p> <p>Effective ICT skills</p> <p>Excellent record of attendance and punctuality</p> <p>Smart appearance</p>	
References	<p>Positive recommendation in professional references</p> <p>Satisfactory health and attendance record</p>	<p>Professional reference without reservations.</p> <p>Strong positive examples of leadership impact</p>
Safeguarding	<p>We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to obtain an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), where appropriate.</p>	