



Information Pack for Applicants

Teaching Assistant Level 2



From the CEO



Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in Cascade Multi Academy Trust. Choosing the right School and Trust to work with is a very important decision. We would recommend that you visit the school and take a tour before submitting your application to understand the vision and values of our Trust.

Who we are?

Cascade is a Trust of collaboration, challenge and support to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children and communities we serve.

We are four primaries situated in the North of Sheffield. Our Schools include Beck, Hucklow, Owler Brook and Whiteways Primaries.

Our Vision

- To transform the life-chances of our children.
- To ensure safe and secure learning environments.
- To create inspirational places for our staff to work.
- To be an influential part of our local communities.

We are committed to professional development for all our staff. We work with Sheffield College, Hallam University, SCITT, The Teaching School Alliance and The National College to offer a wide range of qualifications to enable staff to develop further in their professional career. We have a proven track record of training teaching assistants to become HLTAs and teachers as well supporting staff in to leadership positions.

We care about the wellbeing of all our staff and hope they feel happy to come to work each day because they feel valued and supported. We offer a wellbeing package for all staff, which includes wellbeing days, access to The Listening Service and private counselling.

If you would like to more about us please visit our website

<https://www.cascademat.co.uk> and come have a look round to meet the team.

Thank you for showing an interest in working with us.

Sue Bridges

CEO Cascade Multi Academy Trust

[Our Vision](#)

To transform the life-chances of our children by ensuring an increasing number of pupils are secondary ready.

To ensure safe and secure learning environments by constantly improving our facilities on an annual cycle

To create inspirational places for our staff to work in and to effectively recruit and retain high quality staff

To be an influential part of our local communities finding ways to contribute to their health and wellbeing

As our Multi Academy grows our Trust will enjoy the benefits of: -

- A shared focus on education, which raises achievement across all schools to the highest levels.
- A shared business platform which makes best use of resources and benefits from economies of scale.
- A shared ethos within which the unique identity and character of each school can flourish.

Our Principles

In our schools we will ensure: -

An Enriched and Exciting Curriculum

- Children enjoy their learning and want to come to school to learn. Enjoyment of learning is crucial to success.
- Learning is real, purposeful, exciting and relates to the world the children live in and will contribute to as they grow up.
- Educational visits and visitors, enrich children's education experience on a regular basis.
- Our learning environments will enhance the learning and curriculum opportunities we provide.
- Specialist teaching ensures all children have opportunity to learn a musical instrument, take part in sporting competitions and learn to swim.
- Community involvement is part of the life of our schools and the children impact on the life of the community.
- Equal opportunities through the curriculum, inspire all children to succeed.

High Quality Provision

- High quality teaching and learning in the all subjects leads to the acquisition of the best set of life and learning skills for every child.
- Early identification of need leads to intervention which supports and challenges children to access all of the curriculum.
- Rigorous assessment, tracking and expert teaching promotes accelerated progress.
- Continual process of School Self Review/Peer Review and evaluation as we strive to provide outstanding provision.
- Behaviour and reward systems which promote exemplary behaviour.

A shared ethos of Care and Respect

- Understanding and celebrating diversity.
- Include and nurture everybody.
- Celebrate and encourage everybody.
- Provide opportunities and success for everybody.
- An understanding of how we can contribute to and shape the world around us on a local and global scale.
- A curriculum which enhances the health, safety and wellbeing of all our school communities.
- Our children are well prepared for learning in the next stage of their educational journey.

We believe that everyone is a Leader

- Pupils are leaders of their own learning and have opportunity to develop their interests and become experts.
- We offer our communities opportunities to take on leading roles within our schools.
- We will support and champion family learning and learning together.
- We value every member of staff and will develop them through high quality training and an investment in their professional development.
- Our leadership teams keep learning at the heart of their work, recognising the uniqueness of each and every learner.
- We become an organisation of evidence-driven experts.



Who We Are

Cascade Multi Academy Trust is a Trust of collaboration, challenge and support to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children and communities we serve. We believe that by working together, we can provide shared expertise, resources, and opportunities for everyone within the MAT. We are a Trust where commitment, participation, involvement and achievement are expected of all.

Cascade is currently a Trust of four primaries situated in the North of Sheffield. Our focus is one of partnership working to continually improve the educational offer for our children and their families. We aim to create opportunities for all our children regardless of their needs, and strive help them fulfil their potential.

Our Schools

Beck Primary School

We offer provision for pupils from 2+ in Early Years up to age 11 in Year 6. Our aim is to provide a high-quality education for all with a broad and balanced curriculum. We want children to be excited about their learning and to enjoy coming to school.

Hucklow Primary School

Our aim is to provide a high-quality education for all with a broad and balanced curriculum. We want children to be excited about their learning and to enjoy coming to school. We recognise that we cannot achieve our aims in isolation and therefore we value the involvement of parents as partners in the education of their child.

Owler Brook Primary School

We pride ourselves on providing an environment where children feel safe and happy. We celebrate diversity and creativity, recognising the skills that every child has. We warmly welcome parents into the life of the school and work with the whole school community to instil a sense of belonging and ownership and guide our children to be responsible citizens of the future.

Whiteways Primary School

We are committed to building strong links with the local community and services to ensure we work holistically for our children. We provide unique learning opportunities through a bespoke curriculum that fosters children's interests, and challenges them to become the best that they can be.

As a Trust, we are a developing vibrant community in which all children and staff are able to thrive. Our strategic vision is to move this Trust forward by retaining a complete commitment to our ethos, our community and the principles of a comprehensive education.



Dear Applicant

As the Inclusion Lead for Cascade Multi Academy Trust, I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Level 2 Teaching Assistant and to provide further background regarding the post and the application process.

Cascade Integrated Resource is one provision based across three different school sites - Beck, Hucklow and Whiteways. All three schools are situated in the north east of Sheffield. Our aim within the Integrated Resource is to deliver a broad, balanced though personalised curriculum for each of our children. We want children to be excited about their learning as we foster their interests, and challenge them to become the best that they can be.

The main area of need for pupils in the Integrated Resource is Communication and Interaction. Each child has an Education, Health and Care Plan and is placed by the Local Authority. Children are supported to access mainstream learning by adults from the base where appropriate.

As our provision is bespoke to our children, we work alongside outside agencies to ensure that our staff are highly skilled and feel confident in the delivery of our curriculum.

I hope that the information provided will give you a flavour of what we are aiming to achieve and enable you to determine whether we are the provision for you at this stage of your professional development. If you decide this is the setting for you, I will be delighted to receive an application from you. If not, then may I thank you for your interest in our post and wish you well in the future.

As a Trust, we are committed to excellence in all aspects of our work; and we are committed to building strong links with the local community and services to ensure we do not work alone. Our families play an unprecedented role in ensuring children are happy and safe at school, so we create strong links between home and school learning, no matter when children start their journey within our IR provision.

I hope that you choose to submit an application, and would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Lisa Whitehead

Trust Inclusion Lead

Teaching Assistant Level 2

POST REFERENCE NUMBER - IR1004

Temporary/part time

Hours / Weeks – 22.5 hours per week / 39 weeks per year

Grade and Scale – Grade 3, scale point 5 to 6

Salary £23,500 - £23,893 (full time equiv)

Actual salary - £12,292 - £ 12,497

Cascade Multi Academy Trust is seeking to appoint a temporary, part time Teaching Assistant Level 2 to join the Trust Integrated Resource.

Cascade IR is a purpose-built provision to support children with additional needs. We offer a stimulating learning environment as well as a challenging and innovative curriculum tailored to meet the needs of our pupils. We are proud of the relationships we have built with our children, families and outside agencies as these are fundamental to everything that we do.

We are now in our fourth year and are looking to invite proactive and enthusiastic team players to join our dedicated team. We recognise that new staff may need to further develop their skills to work within the setting, so we offer a core training programme to develop confidence to undertake the role.

Our vision at Cascade MAT is to transform the life chances of our children; ensure safe and secure learning environments; create inspirational places for our staff to work and to be an influential part of the local community.

Across the Trust we inspire our children to aim high and succeed, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge for the future. We promote understanding, respect and tolerance for each other. This is an exciting time to join Cascade Multi Academy Trust with each of its four schools judged as good by Ofsted.

We are looking for candidates that can:

The successful candidate will:-

- Be able to work effectively within the team to ensure there are high quality and effective learning opportunities for all children.
- Be expected to work closely with our multi-disciplinary teams
- Have previous experience of working within an inclusive team
- Work closely within the school team and contribute to the school community
- Have a passion for working with pupils with a variety of needs and the inclusion agenda
- Have knowledge or experience of completing SEN assessments and differentiated plans
- Be able to undertake specialist teaching on a 1:1, small group and whole-class basis

- Be a motivational communicator for children of all abilities ensuring learning is engaging and inclusive
- Have a commitment to an integrated, therapeutic approach and ethos
- Be very flexible and adapt quickly to change

We can offer you:-

- A career pathway
- Enhanced disclosure check paid for by the Trust
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Commitment to your ongoing training and career progression
- Pension Scheme
- Employee benefits including Westfield Health and Cycle to Work

Cascade MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share in this commitment. Our Safeguarding policy and Safer Recruitment policy can be found on Cascade's website.

In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education advice, the Trust will carry out online searches for shortlisted candidates. Shortlisted candidates are required to complete a self-declaration criminal history form prior to interview and any disclosures will be discussed with candidates at the interview stage.

The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced DBS prior to employment commencing.

How to apply:

If you wish to discuss this role or arrange a visit to the Trust, please contact Lisa Whitehead via email at lwhitehead@cascademat.co.uk

You can download the word version of the application form from Cascade's website.

- **Please do not use Sheffield City Council application form.**
- **Please use the post reference number on the application form**

www.cascademat.co.uk

or alternatively an application form can be obtained by e-mailing recruitment@cascademat.co.uk

Your completed application should be emailed to recruitment@cascademat.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 4th October 2024
Interview Date: Thursday 17th October 2024



CASCADE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST JOB DESCRIPTION

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| | Cascade Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment |
| SCHOOL | |
| POST TITLE | TEACHING ASSISTANT - LEVEL 2 |
| ROLE PROFILE | LD2.5 |
| JOB NUMBER | SCH/TL/LD/002 |
| GRADE | 3 |
| RESPONSIBLE TO | HEADTEACHER |
| RESPONSIBLE FOR | NOT APPLICABLE |
| HOLIDAY AND SICKNESS COVER | |
| PURPOSE OF JOB | TO WORK UNDER THE INSTRUCTION/GUIDANCE OF TEACHING/SENIOR STAFF TO UNDERTAKE WORK/CARE/SUPPORT PROGRAMMES, TO ENABLE ACCESS TO LEARNING FOR PUPILS AND TO ASSIST THE TEACHER IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUPILS AND THE CLASSROOM. WORK MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN THE CLASSROOM OR OUTSIDE THE MAIN TEACHING AREA |
| RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOOD LITERACY/NUMERACY SKILLS • COMPLETION OF DfES TEACHER ASSISTANT INDUCTION PROGRAMME • NVQ 2 FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE • TRAINING IN THE RELEVANT LEARNING STRATEGIES E.G. LITERACY • FIRST AID TRAINING/TRAINING AS APPROPRIATE |

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POST OF:- TEACHING ASSISTANT – LEVEL 2

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The post holder must at all times carry out his/her duties and responsibilities within the spirit of Cascade Multi Academy Trust Policies and within the framework of the Education Act 2002, and School Standards and Framework Act 1998 with particular regard to the statutory responsibilities of the Governing Bodies of Schools.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1 SUPPORT FOR PUPILS

1. Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
2. Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes
3. Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
4. Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
5. Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
6. Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence
7. Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher

2 SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHER

1. Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work
2. Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
3. Assist with the planning of learning activities
4. Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed
5. Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils achievement, progress, problems etc.
6. Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
7. Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers
8. Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work
9. Provide clerical/admin. support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administer coursework etc.

3 SUPPORT FOR THE CURRICULUM

1. Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses
2. Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
3. Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
4. Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use

4 SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

1. Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
2. Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
3. Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
4. Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
5. Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required
6. Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
7. Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime
8. Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher
9. Any other related duties as may arise.

Any other duties and responsibilities appropriate to the grade and role

All the above duties and responsibilities to be carried out in accordance with Cascade Multi Academy Trust Policies, Academies Financial Handbook and current legislation with an emphasis on Safeguarding, Customer Care, Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and Health and Safety.

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| ISSUE DATE: March 2022 |
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| TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 2 Person Specification |
| All candidates should demonstrate how well their qualifications and experience, personal qualities, skills, professional knowledge and understanding and knowledge of safeguarding meet the requirements of the person specification |
| Qualifications and Experience |
| Candidates should have: |

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| 1 | Good literacy/numeracy skills |
| 2 | NVQ 2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualifications or experience |
| 3 | Training in the relevant learning strategies e.g., Literacy, Numeracy |
| 4 | First aid training/training as appropriate |

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| Personal Qualities |
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| Candidates should have: | |
| 1 | Excellent communications skills with the ability to develop and maintain effective and positive relationships with all pupils and stakeholders |
| 2 | Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and organisational skills to work collaboratively and constructively with the class teacher and other staff within the Trust |
| 3 | Ability to remain and work calmly under pressure |
| 4 | Ability to work effectively and professionally as part of a team and provide a positive contribution to ways of working |
| 5 | Ability to create an encouraging learning environment |
| 6 | Flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances/situations |
| 7 | Enthusiasm and commitment towards SEN |
| 8 | Commitment to continuing professional development |
| 9 | Commitment to the Trust Equal Opportunities and all other Trust policies |

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| Skills |
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| Candidates should be able to: | |
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| 1 | Support the vision for the Trust |
| 2 | Demonstrate active listening skills |
| 3 | Help pupils learn and assist them in subjects that prove to be difficult to understand |
| 4 | Support the development and implementation of individual Education/Behaviour Plans |
| 5 | Demonstrate setting of appropriately challenging expectations and promote self-esteem and independence |
| 6 | Good understanding of child development and learning processes |
| 7 | Approachable, courteous, and able to present a positive image of the school to all stakeholders |
| 8 | Ability to use ICT effectively to support learning including Interactive Whiteboard and other equipment technology |
| Professional knowledge and understanding | |
| Candidates should have: | |
| 1 | Demonstrate an understanding of classroom roles and responsibilities and the role of the TA within these |
| 2 | The ability to carry out small group work and work with pupils in line with the teachers' planning |
| 3 | An understanding of specialist SEN approaches |
| 4 | A commitment to ongoing personal learning and development |
| 5 | Demonstrate their understanding and maintain confidentiality |
| Safeguarding | |
| Candidates should have: | |
| 1 | An understanding of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people |

The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

The Appointment Process

These notes are intended to guide you when making an application

Application Form

Complete the application form neatly, fully and accurately, including exact dates. The form may be typed or handwritten but if you do write it by hand make sure that it is legible and that you use black ink. Indicate clearly on the front page, the post you are applying for and submit a concise application.

Please read the application form, job description, person specifications carefully, so that you understand what the position involves. This information is designed to help you complete the application form as thoroughly as possible.

When completing your application, give as much information as you can that is relevant to the job for which you are applying. Please check that the information you provide is accurate. If you conceal or misrepresent relevant information at any stage during the recruitment process you will be disqualified

The decision to shortlist you for interview will be solely based on the information you provide in the application form.

Education and Training

State your qualifications and any training you have undertaken relevant to the post.

Present Appointment

Make it clear what your present post is, which establishment you work in and who your employer is

Previous Appointments

When completing this section, it is important that you offer a continuous record, or an explanation of any gaps to allow full account to be taken of your experience, for example, child raising, voluntary work. This is a requirement under our recruitment and safeguarding policies.

Referees

Suitable referees are people who have direct, recent experience of your work and who are in responsible positions. We may need to contact them at short notice so please be specific with regard to contact addresses, including emails and telephone numbers.

The Supporting Statement within your Application Form

The supporting statement is regarded as a very important part of your application. You should make statements that demonstrate how your qualification and experience match the requirements of the post. You should take particular care to demonstrate how you meet the person specification included in this pack. Please limit your supporting statement to two sides of A4 in size 11 font.

Arrangements for Assessment

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted as soon as possible after the closing date.

Referees are contacted prior to the interview stage, unless you have specified in your application a reason not to do so.

A variety of assessment methods are used for different posts and candidates will be invited for Interview and Task(s) associated with the role.

The interview panel will include a Safer Recruitment trained member and within the interview process you will be asked questions to explore your suitability to work with children.

Disabled Candidates

We are committed to ensuring that applicants with disabilities or impairments receive equal opportunities and treatment. If you have a disability or impairment, and would like us to make adjustments or arrangements to assist if you're called for an interview, please state the arrangements you require. Following the questions at interview there will also be time to discuss any reasonable adjustment that may be required to enable you to carry out the job.

Feedback

Verbal feedback is offered to shortlisted candidates who were unsuccessful in securing the post following the assessment process.

Selection for Appointment

A conditional offer is made subject to 2 satisfactory references and satisfactory completion of pre-recruitment checks.

Completed Applications

When you have completed your application form, this should be returned via email by the closing date specified in the advert.

recruitment@cascaemat.co.uk

If you have not been contacted within four weeks of the closing date, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

Privacy Notices

Our privacy notices for recruitment can be found on the Trust website

<https://cascaemat.co.uk>

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding policy can be found on the Trust website

<https://cascaemat.co.uk>

Complaints Procedure

If you have a complaint regarding the recruitment process, please Email: hr@cascaemat.co.uk giving full details. We will investigate and respond within 28 working days.