

Classteacher

Meopham School

Information

Swale ACADEMIES TRUST

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Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining Meopham School. I hope you will take a look at our website at https://www.meophamschool.org.uk/ and take time to consider the information enclosed with this letter.

Meopham School is a vibrant and ambitious 11-18 school with a strong community ethos. This helps create a supportive and inspiring climate for success. Students at Meopham School are valued and nurtured as individuals. In April 2023 Ofsted awarded the school with a 'Good' grading in all areas, drawing attention to the fact that "pupils are proud to attend this inclusive and positive school. They value the supportive and nurturing relationships they have with staff."
We have exceptionally high standards where we value the hard work which makes it possible for every student and staff member to fulfil their potential. We are proud that visitors to our school often comment on the mature and courteous manner in which our students present themselves.

We are proud that Meopham students are also curious in their learning, resilient in overcoming difficulty, and are confident in evaluating their own progress. As a consequence they are ambitious to achieve academic and personal success, both in school and the world beyond.

To achieve our vision, we place the recruitment, retention and professional development of teachers as a top priority. We therefore seek well-qualified, highly skilled, and enthusiastic teachers, who have the highest expectations of both themselves and the pupils in their classes. We want teachers who enjoy working with young people of all abilities and differing needs.

Meopham School joined the Swale Academies Trust as an academy on 1st February 2013. This is made up of a group of schools, both primary and secondary, located in Kent and East Sussex.

We are unique in that we have all the benefits of a school in a rural setting, with the advantages of working as part of a larger Trust. We are involved in extensive outreach work across schools in Kent, both within the Trust and beyond. This means that we can offer you an invigorating professional environment in which to grow. We invite you to be part of our future success.

If you become part of our team we believe we could offer you a number of benefits. You would become part of something successful. We can offer an exceptional package of professional development, ranging from an acclaimed ECT induction programme, training through the nationally recognised Outstanding Teacher Programme, a Masters' Degree, and support for aspiring leaders and headteachers through the suite of National Professional Qualifications.

Meopham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to an enhanced DBS check. As a school dedicated to the principle of equal opportunities, we aim to ensure that staff recruitment is fair and open to all regardless of age, social class, disability, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation within the context of the detailed person specification.

If you wish to apply please visit Kent Teach to submit your application as soon as possible. We look forward to receiving your application.



Ethan Roberts
Headteacher

Job Description

Job Title: **Classteacher**
Grade: **MPS/UPS**
Responsible to: **Headteacher**

Purpose of the job
The current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document describes the general professional duties which teachers are expected to undertake in the course of their employment.
Teachers are also expected to perform particular duties as may reasonably be assigned to them by the Headteacher.

For the purpose of this general job description these particular duties are:
Curriculum

- To plan and prepare courses.
- To continuously review teaching methods, schemes of work and resources as necessary.
- To advise and co-operate with the line-manager, other teachers and the Senior Leadership Team on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials and resources, teaching programmes, methods of teaching, assessment and pastoral arrangements.
- To participate in meetings of the school which relate to the curriculum for the school or the administration or organisation of the school, including pastoral arrangements.
- To take part as required in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.

Professional Development etc.

- To participate in any arrangement within an agreed national framework for the performance management of performance and that of other teachers.
- To participate in arrangements for further training and professional development as a teacher.
- To contribute as appropriate to the selection for appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff, including the induction and assessment of new and newly qualified teachers.
- To co-ordinate or manage the work of other teachers as appropriate.
- To manage or supervise support staff as necessary.

Pupils:

- To plan and prepare lessons.
- To teach pupils assigned, including setting and prompt marking of work carried out by pupils in school or elsewhere.
- To set relevant and sufficient homework, according to the homework timetable, and to ensure prompt marking of the homework or coursework.
- To assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of pupils, according to departmental and whole-school policies.
- To participate in the arrangements for preparing pupils for public examinations. To assess pupils for the examinations and record and report these assessments.
- To promote the general progress and wellbeing of individual pupils and of any class or group assigned.
- To provide guidance and advice to pupils on educational and social matters and on their future education and careers, including information about the sources of more expert advice on specific questions.
- To make records of, and reports on, the personal and social needs of pupils.
- To provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and/or groups of pupils.
- To maintain good order and discipline among pupils and to 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.

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- To attend assemblies and to supervise tutor groups while in assembly, unless the teacher wishes to opt out of any religious aspect of assembly where this is against their beliefs.
- To accurately register pupils at a.m. and p.m. registration and during lessons and at any other time necessary before, during or after school.
- To provide, as a Tutor, the individual contact, knowledge and support for pupils within the allocated tutor group and to liaise with parents and other staff accordingly, as appropriate.
- To contribute to the personal and social education of pupils generally and specifically through the teaching of the PSE programme to the tutor group.
- To support all colleagues in ensuring that high standards of uniform and behaviour are maintained within the school.
- To work with other colleagues to ensure that there is a consistent approach in ensuring pupils abide by the school's code of conduct and the same consistency in dealing with pupils who do not conform to school rules.
- To make relevant records and reports as necessary.

Parents and the wider community:

- To communicate and consult with the parents of pupils when required.
- To communicate and co-operate with other persons and outside agencies as required.
- To participate in meetings arranged for any of the purposes described above.
- To foster good relationships with parents.

Resources and Accommodation

- To take responsibility for the care of resources, accommodation and fabric of the school, particularly when pupils are present.
- To allocate, as appropriate, equipment and materials in connection with his/her teaching.

Policies and Staff Handbook

- To ensure that all departmental and school policies are understood and complied with.
- To ensure that they have read and understands the contents of the Staff handbook and complies with all the requirements detailed in the handbook.

Administration

- To participate in administrative and organisational tasks related to the above duties.

Health and Safety

- To accept responsibility for own safety – as well as that of the pupils and colleagues with whom you work.
- To undertake Health and Safety training offered.
- To be aware of Health and Safety issues and the hazards associated with manual handling tasks, including the cumulative effect of repeated manual handling operations.
- To follow any control measures and care plans required by the generic or individual risk assessments.
- To be familiar with and use available equipment safely.
- To be aware of your own limitations and inform your employer of any circumstances that may alter ability to perform manual handling tasks.
- To report accidents and hazards.
- To report deficiencies in the employer's Health and Safety protection arrangements.

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Working Time

The following is extracted from the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

- A teacher employed full-time shall be available for work for 195 days in any school year, of which 190 days shall be days which they may be required to teach pupils in addition to carrying out other duties; and those 195 days will be specified by the head teacher
- Such a teacher shall be available to perform duties at such times and such places as may be specified by the head teacher for 1265 hours in any school year, those hours to be allocated reasonably throughout those days in the school year on which they are required to be available for work.
- Such a teacher shall work such additional hours as may be needed to enable them to discharge effectively their professional duties, including, in particular, the marking of pupils' work, the writing of reports on pupils and the preparation of lessons, teaching materials and teaching programmes. The amount of time required for this purpose beyond the 1265 hours and the time outside the 1265 specified hours at which duties shall be performed shall not be defined by the governors but shall depend upon the work needed to discharge the teacher's duties.

A summary of the directed time for teachers as allocated by the Headteacher is detailed in the staff handbook.

The Working Time Regulations 1998

All teachers are subject to the EU Working Time Regulations which are described in paragraph 114 of DfEE Circular No. 12/99.

The duties / responsibilities of this post may vary from time to time according to the changing needs of the Trust services.

Person Specification

Qualifications	ESSENTIAL/ DESIRABLE
Qualified Teacher Status or willingness to work towards this.	E
A Degree	E
Experience	
Teaching of specialist subject across all three key stages.	E
Skills and Abilities	
Ability to communicate positively with children.	E
Ability to work supportively and collaboratively within a team.	E
Ability to reflect upon and improve your teaching practice.	E
Knowledge	
Knowledge of the National Curriculum.	E
Understanding of the issues surrounding the safeguarding of children and commitment to child welfare and safety.	E
A good understanding of the importance of literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.	E
A good understanding of how to assess pupil progress.	E
A good understanding of how to plan and assess work for vulnerable groups, such as SEN pupils, pupil premium pupils and gifted and talented pupils.	D
Personal Qualities	
Enthusiasm for your specialist subject.	E
Ability to manage own workload.	E
A commitment to own continuing professional development.	E



Working at Meopham School

Benefits

- Teachers Pension Scheme – with a generous employer contribution
- Enhanced Maternity Pay
- Employee Referral Recruitment Incentive
- Access to training and development
- Discounts with local and national retailers, cinemas and restaurants

Well-Being

- Employee Assistance Programme – Wellbeing and advice
- Cycle to Work scheme
- On-site Parking

Finding Us

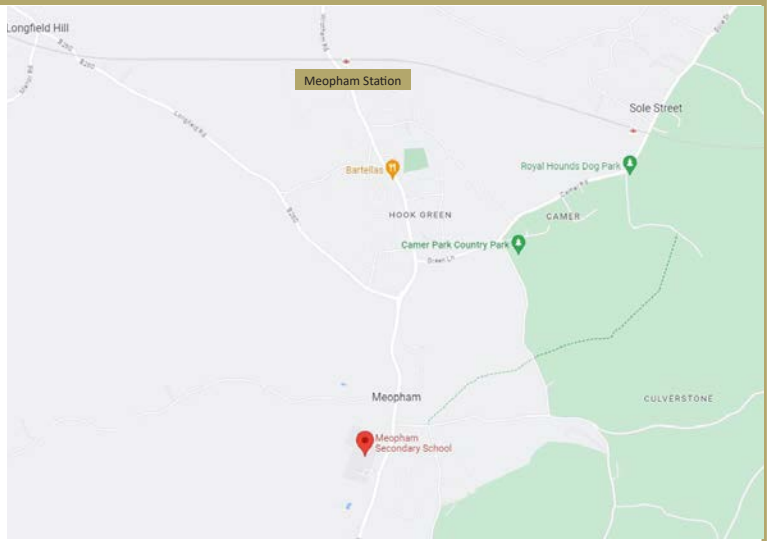
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mss-reception@swale.at

Closest Train Station: Meopham Station
Approx. 35 minute walk or 9 minute Bus

Closest Bus stop:
Secondary School -
223*, 305*, 306*, 308*, 311, 418R*, 418W*, 695*, VIGO1*

*go to/from Meopham Station





Meopham School Overview

About Meopham School

Meopham School is a warm and fully-inclusive community set in the beautiful rural setting of the historic village of Meopham. At Meopham School, we strive to ensure all young people are nurtured to become aspirational and resilient in all areas of life. Students are encouraged to become respectful, tenacious, excellent young adults who go on to successful futures.

Our £14 million main school building opened in Spring 2018, and our new £9 million building opened in Spring 2024, offering eight new English classrooms, a Photography lab, a DT and Art suite and a fully equipped Performing Arts studio.

Our Vision

At Meopham School, we work in unity to create an exciting future for every individual, by instilling a culture of tenacity and excellence that both respects and truly improves the lives of all those within our school community.

Our Mission

Our mission at Meopham School is to provide our students with an excellent education through a fully inclusive and appropriately challenging curriculum that provides students with the creativity to meet the demands of an ever-changing world. We will create life-long learners by inspiring our students through outstanding lessons delivered by highly trained and qualified teachers. Through both a traditional academic curriculum at KS3 and KS4 and an ever-growing and highly-ambitious Sixth Form, students will make excellent progress and be encouraged to strive towards top-third universities, highly-sought degree apprenticeships or high-level employment.

Academic excellence is important, but we are also committed to instilling excellence in all aspects of our students' development. Our Culture and Ethos Strategy will establish a safe and stimulating learning environment, and develop tenacious young people who can overcome any barriers to learning and have a strong sense of moral purpose. Our students will go on to make a positive difference locally, nationally and globally.

Our Cultural Capital Pledge will develop our students into well-rounded, confident, excellent young adults who have the greatest respect for themselves and others and can thrive in all contexts. We are committed to promoting unity with our partners in the local area through an extensive Community Engagement Programme, which enriches our students' educational experience and establishes the school as a leading institution within Meopham, Gravesham and beyond.

We will empower our staff through an aspirational professional development programme, which provides meaningful and ambitious career routes for all staff. Meopham School will become a beacon of teaching excellence through its cutting-edge, forward-thinking pedagogy.



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Meopham School's TRUE Values

Meopham School
Tenacity, Respect, Unity, Excellence

Tenacity - we do not give up when things get tough. We know that sometimes in life we face challenges and we recognise that these challenges are opportunities for growth. When life knocks us down, we pick ourselves up, we dust ourselves off and we try again. We believe in a bright future and that we create our own destinies. We don't expect things to be handed to us on a plate. It is our life and our responsibility to shape it in the way we want.

Respect - we demonstrate respect in all we do. We are respectful and courteous to everyone we meet. This is a non-negotiable. We celebrate our differences and champion our diversity. We have the greatest respect for ourselves, for others and for our surroundings.

Unity - as a school, we work for each other: we share in our successes; we support each other through challenges and we are all jointly responsible for the community we uphold. We are proud to be active members of our local village community, making a positive contribution to life in Meopham and beyond. We help each other to grow in confidence and support each other in shaping our own paths through life.

Excellence - we strive to be the very best in all our endeavours, whether that be academically, creatively, competitively or morally - we dream big and never put limits on ourselves or others. We are encouraged to think for ourselves and demonstrate independence. We develop excellence as a habit and recognise that talent isn't enough. True excellence is only achieved through practice and effort.



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Teaching and Learning - FIRE Strategies

Meopham School is particularly proud of its highly consistent approach to teaching and learning, which reflects our view that effective lessons will have FIRE at their heart:

Feedback: include appropriate and effective assessment and feedback opportunities;

Inclusivity: be fully inclusive and enable progress for all students;

Retrieval: allow opportunities for retrieval of key identified knowledge and skills;

Engagement: stimulate and encourage student curiosity, engagement and a love of learning.

"Leaders have high aspirations for pupils and make sure that all experience effective teaching overall." (Ofsted April 2023)

Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad and balanced, and students benefit from a wide suite of subjects designed to meet the needs of tomorrow's world. Essential skills of literacy, oracy and numeracy are woven through lessons across the curriculum.

"Across subjects, staff have strong subject knowledge and give clear explanations of lesson content. This was especially evident in teaching in the Sixth Form." (Ofsted April 2023)

Inclusivity

At Meopham School we value children of all abilities, and offer a fully inclusive environment. We are especially proud of The Windmill, a specialist provision on-site for students with ASC.

We understand that every child is unique, and so we tailor our teaching and curriculum to help all students reach their full potential. Our aim is to ensure each pupil makes the greatest possible progress from their own individual starting point.

"Leaders identify well the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). These pupils are well supported through the adaptations that teachers make for them in lessons." (Ofsted April 2023)



The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the appropriate application form. All sections of the form which are applicable to you must be completed as clearly and fully as possible.

Please note CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed application form.
Application forms can be found on the Kent-Teach website and applications should be made via this route. Alternatively, completed SAT Application Forms can be sent by email to diane.mills@swale.at or by post to the following address:

Mrs Diane Mills
Meopham School,
Wrotham Road,
Meopham,
Gravesend
DA13 0AH

The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post a panel will conduct the shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form, it is therefore important that you fully read the Job Description and Person Specification prior to completing your form. Meopham School may complete online checks of any candidates as part of the shortlisting process.

After the shortlisting process has been completed candidates who have been selected for interview will be informed, and provided with full details of the interview programme. If you have not heard from us within 10 working days of the closing date for this post, you have, on this occasion, unfortunately been unsuccessful.

All candidates who are invited to interview must bring the following original documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph, usually a passport or driving licence
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing change of name
- Certificates of educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

Conditional Offer

Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a number of formalities, including, but not restricted to the following:

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of two satisfactory references
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check, as well as additional checks that may be appropriate if you have worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years
- Satisfactory pre-employment health clearance
- A check against the Teacher Service Register for any teaching prohibition or restriction orders where you are applying for a teaching role or if you have previously held a teaching role in past employment.



Safeguarding

Our Trust has robust safer recruitment procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

All individuals working in any capacity at our Trust will be subjected to safeguarding checks in line with the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Swale Academies Trust schools will conduct an online check of shortlisted candidates in line with the Keeping Children Safe In Education guidelines.

Retention of information

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system after six months from the date of the interview, in accordance with our retention of records procedure.

Privacy Notice

Please refer to the Trust's Privacy Notice for job applicants for information about how we use any personal data about them we hold.

Swale Acadmies Trust is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace where everyone feels valued and respected. We actively seek applications from individuals from all backgrounds and experiences.

Overview of Swale Academies Trust

Since its creation in September 2010, Swale Academies Trust has developed into one of the South East's leading Multi-Academy Trusts.

Our purpose is to develop good and outstanding schools and ensure the rapid improvement of schools with challenges. As the Trust has grown and developed, we continue to ensure that effective school support and leadership is maintained. The Trust's approach to school improvement is based on a combination of CPD, capacity building and collaboration, with a relentless focus on teaching and pupil progress, in order to effect rapid and sustained improvements in outcomes for young people.

The Trust is an organisation which is driven by the belief that all children deserve a good quality education where they are seen as individuals and above all are exceptionally well cared for.

Swale Academies Trust - Schools

Primary

- Beaver Green Primary School, Ashford
- Istead Rise Primary School, Istead Rise
- James Dixon Primary School, Bromley
- Langney Primary Academy, Eastbourne
- Parkland Infant School, Eastbourne
- Parkland Junior School, Eastbourne
- Regis Manor Primary School, Sittingbourne
- Shinewater Primary School, Eastbourne
- South Borough Primary School, Maidstone
- Westlands Primary School, Sittingbourne

Secondary

- Meopham Secondary School, Meopham
- Peacehaven Community School, Eastbourne
- The Eastbourne Academy, Eastbourne
- The Holmesdale School, Snodland
- The North School, Ashford
- The Sittingbourne School, Sittingbourne
- The Turing School, Eastbourne
- The Whitstable School, Whitstable
- Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne

Central Support Services

- Human Resource Team
- Finance Team
- ICT Team
- Estate Management
- Governance and Communications



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