



Littleover Community School
Teaching Assistant
(Maternity Cover)
Application Pack

Welcome from the Headteacher

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Littleover Community School for an exceptional Teaching Assistant to join our experienced and highly motivated team on a Maternity cover contract.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated person to the post of Teaching Assistant, supporting students with varying educational needs.

The successful candidate will be caring and patient and able to cater for the individual needs of the students, including social, emotional, communication, language and learning support and be capable of working in partnership with teachers and parents.

Littleover Community School is a diverse and highly successful comprehensive school, with consistently high levels of attainment and progress across the curriculum. We are proud of our academic record, and of the pastoral care which maintains a feeling of community in a large and expanding school.

Completed application forms, with a supporting letter explaining why you feel you have the qualifications, experience and personal qualities required for this post, should be returned by email to jobs@littleover.derby.sch.uk or via the TES platform.

Please note, school will only contact successful candidates.

Yours sincerely,



J. Wilding
Headteacher





Welcome to Littleover

Learning, Caring, Succeeding



Local Authority
School



1830 Students



Outstanding
Sixth Form

As a school, we are committed to continuous improvement so that we can continue to evolve to match the changing needs of our students, parents and carers, staff and wider school community. We are keen to utilise the latest thinking and technologies to ensure all our students are best equipped to achieve success in the future.

Our governors and staff are fully committed to serving the needs of our school community in these challenging social times, including continuing to develop the very strong academic performance of our school. If you feel you could contribute to this vision, we would be very pleased to receive your application.

Littleover Community School is an 11-18 comprehensive, community school. We are a Local Authority maintained school and have a positive working relationship with Derby City Council.

Our school is situated four miles to the south west of the centre of Derby, in pleasant, spacious grounds. We have a proud academic and pastoral record and the school is always popular with parents and carers looking for school places, within our own catchment area and beyond.

We currently welcome 295 students into Year 7 each year, giving us a current roll of approximately 1850, including a Sixth form of over 350 students.

Student outcomes

We are proud of our students' attainment and progress: Littleover Community School students consistently perform above local and national averages.

Summer 2024 headlines:

- Key Stage 4 Progress 8 estimate +0.47
- GCSE grades 9-4 in Maths and English 79%
- Key Stage 4 students who receive the Pupil Premium are predicted to achieve a positive Progress 8 score
- A*-A grades at A Level 34.5%
- A*-C grades at A Level 81%

As an inclusive school, we particularly value this measure as it reflects the progress made by every child regardless of their starting point.

Ofsted

The school was inspected in October 2022 and was judged as 'Good' in all areas with 'Outstanding' Sixth Form provision.

The full report can be accessed here: [HTTPS://FILES.OFSTED.GOV.UK/V1/FILE/50201266](https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50201266)

"Leaders have high expectations. They have created an inclusive and academic culture. Leaders ensure that all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well. Leaders help pupils prepare for next steps in their education. Pupils and sixth-form students leave school with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive.

Pupils' behaviour in lessons is calm and focused. They are eager to share their ideas and knowledge. The vast majority of pupils do not worry about bullying. If they had any concerns, they would report them to staff. Leaders are quick to respond to concerns. The 'LCS Way' helps to create a caring and purposeful culture.

Students in the sixth form experience a welcoming and respectful environment. One student said that attending the sixth form has helped them to develop their identity. Students value the support their teachers provide and the sense of community they share with their peers.

Leaders provide pupils with personal development opportunities. These include the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme as well as sports, arts and music clubs. Some pupils access games club and craft club. Students in the sixth form join in with enrichment activities. These include pottery classes, learning British Sign Language and a debating society.

Leaders are ambitious about what they want pupils to learn. Sequences of lessons cover a broad range of knowledge. Leaders have ensured that teachers know which knowledge to teach and in what order. This helps pupils to develop their understanding of the subjects they study. Sixth-form students are very knowledgeable and make connections between current and prior learning."

Language Hub Status

Littleover Community School is one of just 15 schools nationally to have been awarded Phase 1 Language Hub status. We are the home of Derwent Language Hub, a beacon of good practice for Languages teaching across the East Midlands.

The school is working with six local Partner Schools to develop the teaching of French, German, and Spanish across Derby city. The focus is increasing both the uptake of Languages at GCSE as well as raising the attainment of students who sit these qualifications.

Our school is a vibrant and diverse community of staff and students. Our students speak over 50 Languages. We are excited that Language Hub funding will give us the opportunity to develop provision for Home, Heritage, and Community Languages including British Sign Language across our community and the wider region.



Why should you join Littleover Community School?

Wellbeing

What we can offer:

A Leadership Team who fully consider staff workload and wellbeing when considering any changes to practice or systems

A highly supportive approach to CPD and quality assurances that focuses on every member of staff improving, not proving

An approach to pedagogy that ensures we deliver high-quality teaching in each and every lesson, whilst giving staff professional autonomy

Access to the latest technology, including new high spec laptops for staff

A centralised behaviour system which means no detentions for teachers, disruption free classrooms and a supportive internal Alternative Provision

Financial, legal and practical support from qualified professionals on a range of personal issues

All staff also have access to Education Support's Employee Assistance Programme which includes: Access to a team of specialist counsellors who are directly contracted to the school to offer support for our staff.

A range of counselling options including telephone, on line or face-to-face sessions, and a mindfulness module

A dedicated coaching service for line managers, aimed at developing soft skills and building confidence for handling challenging situations

Employment benefits

There are an extensive range of benefits that are available to you as an employee of Littleover Community School.

For your health and wellbeing there is access to a free on site gym and an employee assistance programme.

You will have access to the Derby City Council Rewards platform, which hosts a wide range of benefits such as the Cycle2Work scheme, benefits and offers at an extensive network of retailers, Tusker Car Lease Scheme and more!

These benefits run alongside other benefits such as access to the Teachers' Pension Scheme or Local Government Pension Scheme (depending on your role), free on-site car parking, free annual flu jab and a friendly, supportive working environment!





Teaching Assistant

Job purpose:	To support pupils on the Code of Practice and the Learning Support Department of the School
Salary (FTE):	Grade E £25,545 - £27,334 SCP 10 - 14
Salary (Actual):	Grade E £20,875 - £22,337 SCP 10 - 14
Hours:	35: Monday to Friday
Contract:	Maternity Cover Contract until Friday 19th December 2025, approximately. (The end date may be liable to change as this is a maternity cover post).
Weeks worked:	39: Term-Time, including Inset days
JIQ Reference No:	S-1552
Closing date:	Monday 4th November 2024

Duties and responsibilities

1. To be responsible to the SENDCo/Deputy SENDCo
2. To work in accordance with the aims and policies of the school
3. **Support the school:**
 - To participate with others in development, planning, implementation and evaluation of learning programmes for individuals and groups of pupils
 - To monitor and contribute to assessment and recording of progress
 - To attend meetings with parents
 - To participate/contribute to full staff meetings/year meetings and INSET
 - To give general support to school activities
 - To attend EHCP Review Meetings when required
 - To attend Departmental Meetings
 - To Promote the ethos of the school
4. **Support the teacher:**
 - In preparing support materials
 - In contributing to the preparation of the classroom
 - In attending departmental meetings in nominated curriculum areas
 - By supporting the department in providing materials and in general tasks, e.g. resources
 - By assisting in the assessment of pupils
 - In delivery of the National Curriculum

5. Support for pupils:

- By supporting students with SEND in the classroom and around site on a 1:1 basis
- By the promotion of development and learning
- With access to the curriculum for all pupils with SEND
- By encouragement and involvement of SEND pupils in all aspects of school life
- With the planning and delivery of programmes of work for individuals and groups of pupils
- By accompanying them on school visits, in and out of school hours
- By assessing identified pupils, in and out of the classroom
- Being aware of all EHC Plans
- To be key worker to around 15 students and to be responsible for the target setting and review of their Pupil Centred Plans
- By organising and running clubs for students with SEND
- By supporting with Access Arrangements for students in exams

6. To represent the school in the most professional manner at all times to the wider community in accordance with the school ethos

7. To share the school's commitment to safeguarding and child protection and be familiar with the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and other relevant policies

8. Follow the health and safety policy and be aware of your responsibility for personal health and safety and that of others. Report any hazards and actively contribute to the security of the school.

The duties above are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the post holder may be required by the Headteacher to carry out any other appropriate duties within the context of the role.



Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
1. Skills and Experience:		
Experience of working in a school or similar environment		X
Experience in a similar role		X
Excellent communication skills both verbal and written	X	
Has experience of working with students with SEND		X
Ability to work independently as well as within a team	X	
Able to collate and feedback information	X	
Good working ICT skills	X	
Able to maintain issues of confidentiality in the working environment	X	
Have a working knowledge of Microsoft packages	X	
2. Qualifications		
English GCSE A*-C or equivalent	X	
Mathematics GCSE A*-C or equivalent	X	
Qualification suitable to a TA role		X
3. Personal qualities		
Ability to respond positively and calmly, with students, parents, co-workers and external organisations	X	
Effective listening skills	X	
Emotional resilience	X	
Solution focused approach to work	X	
Flexible attitude to work and willingness to adapt to change	X	
Able to use own initiative	X	
4. Other		
Be prepared to undertake relevant training, as and when required	X	
To share the school's commitment to safeguarding and child protection and be familiar with the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and other relevant school policies	X	



Equality and diversity

Littleover Community School is proud of the cultural diversity of our school community. We welcome enquiries from everyone and also value the diversity of our workforce. As such, the school actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential.

We welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records. As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order using criminal record checks processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), Littleover Community School complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice> and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. Littleover Community School undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed and can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that they are legally entitled to know about.

Where a DBS certificate at either standard or enhanced level can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended) and where appropriate Police Act Regulations (as amended), Littleover Community School can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected.

Littleover Community School selects all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience.

Safeguarding

Littleover Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory enhanced level DBS disclosure with a children's barred list check, two satisfactory references and successful completion of vetting procedures.

In accordance with the statutory guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), an online search will be conducted as part of due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

Copies of our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, along with other school policies, are available on our website at: <https://www.littleover.derby.sch.uk/information.php#policies>

We would advise anyone applying for a position at LCS to read the above documents, along with the following Keeping Children Safe in Education document: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

