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*“We seek to
inspire
each other
and learn
to value
greatness,
ambition and
achievement
of all kinds.”*

Welcome letter from Jonny Uttley CEO

I would like to welcome you to the Education Alliance. Let me tell you a little bit about us.

Our core purpose is to make great schools and happier, stronger communities so that people have better lives. This underpins everything we do. The way we do this is by: always doing what is right; trusting in each other and standing shoulder to shoulder and doing what we know makes the difference.



We know that staff and pupils only thrive in a culture and leaders create a culture in which staff have an enjoyable, rewarding working environment in which all colleagues believe the demands of their job are reasonable and manageable. It is essential that our schools are led in an ethical way that is driven by moral purpose. The trust is dedicated to developing, growing and retaining talented leaders and staff across the trust and we invest heavily in staff development.

We start from an assumption of professional trust and the belief that everyone seeks to do a good job. We operate within a spirit of openness and transparency and staff are encouraged to feel confident to raise any concerns or issues they have. All our staff contribute to developing a thriving culture of openness, honesty and kindness, in which we make each other's lives better as well of those of our young people.

Included here is our workload charter and ethical leadership framework which will give you a sense of what this means.

South Hunsley is a wonderful, proudly comprehensive school that is a key part of the TEAL family of schools. We look to hearing from any potential applicants.

Jonny Uttley
CEO, The Education Alliance



THE WORKLOAD CHARTER



OUR PROMISE

For too long in too many English schools, staff have been asked to choose between being seen as good at their job and being a good mum, dad, partner, son, daughter or friend. We say, "no more".

While we are far from perfect, we will do everything we can to support our staff to balance the demands of their jobs and those at home, and we recognise that in everyone's life there are good times and bad. It is the job of all of us to support each other through both.



CULTURE

The culture of the trust and our schools is critical in ensuring we have an enjoyable, rewarding working environment in which all colleagues believe the demands of their job are reasonable and manageable.

We start from an assumption of professional trust and the belief that everyone seeks to do a good job. We ask all leaders to set a good example in how they behave and that they try to reduce levels of stress and anxiety in the organisation.



WORKLOAD

The trust supports the principle of 3265 hours for teaching staff, and where a colleague is not required to attend a particular directed event, for a reason such as not teaching a particular year group, they should not be given directed work.



LESSON PLANNING

Staff are not expected to submit daily or weekly plans. IT systems will be aligned to establish systems and processes that minimise the replication of effort across different schools.



MARKING AND FEEDBACK

- ❖ There is no central trust-wide or school-wide approach.
- ❖ There is no centrally prescribed frequency of written feedback.
- ❖ Each subject may have a different approach developed by our subject experts.
- ❖ We mark less in terms of the number of pieces of work but with greater impact.
- ❖ We should not use acknowledgement marking.



DATA COLLECTION

The trust continues to explore greater use of technology to reduce aspects of teacher workload involved in data collection.

Currently, schools collect student performance data only twice a year to ensure they can monitor progress without over-burdening staff. Teachers are only asked to input data that requires their professional judgement.



EMAILS

There is no expectation that staff respond to emails outside normal working hours. We want all staff to be able to achieve a healthy work-home balance and we trust the professional judgement of our staff to make decisions about when they work outside school hours. We ask all staff, including leaders, to refrain where possible, from sending group emails and to think carefully before using the 'reply all' function.



WORKING PRACTICES

Where new initiatives are introduced, they should be based on evidence that they are likely to improve student outcomes and serious consideration must be given to what we are going to stop doing to 'make space' for what is new.



INSPECTION

The trust does not conduct 'mocksteds' that require teachers to provide lesson plans or that involve processes outside the normal quality assurance and performance development policies.

ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CHARTER COMPETENCIES AND BEHAVIOURS



Our Ethical Leadership Charter provides our leaders with the principles to support them with ethical behaviours.

TRUST

Leaders are trustworthy and reliable. We do this by...

- ❖ Being reliable, consistent, credible, honest, humble, courageous and kind.
- ❖ Managing emotions and helping others to manage their emotions.
- ❖ Keeping promises and doing what you say you will do.
- ❖ Having a genuine interest in others.

OPTIMISM

Leaders are positive and encouraging. We do this by...

- ❖ Believing in our own ability, and the ability of others, to do what is right to change the world for the better.
- ❖ Calling out negativity and cynicism.
- ❖ Remaining positive and encouraging, despite sometimes experiencing setbacks, challenges and pressures. Helping others to maximise opportunities, overcome challenges and celebrate success.

KINDNESS

Leaders demonstrate respect, generosity of spirit, understanding and good temper. We do this by...

- ❖ Being kind, humble and authentic.
- ❖ Leading with compassion and care, listening and seeing beyond the job role to the person.
- ❖ Using high levels of emotional intelligence. Building trust and rapport with others, by acknowledging, empowering and elevating others.

COURAGE

Leaders work courageously in the best interests of children and young people. We do this by...

- ❖ Looking in the mirror when something goes wrong.
- ❖ Remaining calm, optimistic and positive in the face of adversity, adapting to changing circumstances and helping others to move forward.
- ❖ Give the whole truth, the back-story and the why.

SERVICE

Leaders are conscientious and dutiful. We do this by...

- ❖ Reducing stress and anxiety in the organisation by modelling calm and considerate behaviour.
- ❖ Behaving in a dutiful, conscientious way, demonstrating humility and self-control to build great schools.
- ❖ Removing barriers and blockers to enable others to do their jobs well.
- ❖ Leaving our egos at the door and putting ourselves in the service of others.
- ❖ Channel ambition into our schools, not ourselves, and developing our successors.

WISDOM

Leaders use experience, knowledge and insight. We do this by...

- ❖ Developing knowledge and real expertise, then sharing knowledge.
- ❖ Learning from mistakes and failures and admitting when we are wrong.
- ❖ Recruiting knowledgeable, skilled experts, learning from them, embracing their expertise and helping them to flourish.
- ❖ Viewing systems, methods, models and techniques as a means to an end, removing or changing them if they prove to be ineffective.

JUSTICE

Leaders are fair and work for the good of all children. We do this by...

- ❖ Doing what is right, rather than what is popular or easy.
- ❖ Ensuring we live and breathe our sense of purpose and values in the way we behave, interact with others, make decisions and communicate.
- ❖ Ensuring rules are necessary and applying them in a consistent, transparent and fair way, whilst allowing for discretion and common sense.
- ❖ Valuing difference, building diverse teams and encouraging others to behave responsibly towards the community and the environment.

VISION

Leaders have a clear sense of purpose and focus their attention, strategic direction, and resources on achieving their dream. We do this by...

- ❖ Anticipating the future and helping people ready themselves for change. Thinking strategically, researching, gathering, analysing and assessing information, seeking opportunities for organisational development.
- ❖ Scan the horizon, read and research, share learning with others and collaborate to consider options, obstacles and risks.
- ❖ Believing in the potential of others; helping them be the best they can be.
- ❖ Quickly taking in new information and translating that into recommendations, decisions, plans and projects.

What do our Headteachers say about TEAL?

Being a member of the Education Alliance is like being part of a large supportive family with a shared commitment to each other, our students and the communities we serve. The strap line which describes why we exist 'We are here to make great schools and happier, stronger communities so that people have better lives' is no gimmick, it's based on reality and our daily experience. We share our thinking, our workload, our challenges and our successes. As an experienced school leader, I can confidently say that the level of support, professional development and school growth provided by TEAL is unique. – **Richard Williman**

Our school joined the Education Alliance in November 2019 and since then we have benefited immensely from working within the trust. The support has been invaluable on many different levels. Our staff really appreciate working collaboratively with other colleagues within the trust to develop our curriculum and share training. We have also really valued the support we have received in other areas, such as finance, HR, catering and premises. We are excited to be part of the trust moving forward as we continue to enhance the opportunities for our children. – **Richard Winks**

Joining The Education Alliance was definitely the right decision for The Snaith School and me personally. The alignment of values and commitment to ethical leadership were key factors in our decision alongside the practical steps the trust has taken to reduce workload. Reducing the replication of effort sounds convincing but at TEAL it is underpinned by robust policies and processes that make a real difference to staff's work/life balance. We work collaboratively at every level, challenging and supporting each other for the benefit of our pupils. The accountability is high but we operate in a culture of low threat and professional trust meaning I am motivated, challenged and supported to succeed. I enjoy coming to work. – **Michaela Blackledge**

As a Headteacher, it is a powerful support in all aspects of my role. Schools and their leaders will always face both opportunities and challenges - often in equal measure - and it is inspiring to know that no leader in the trust works alone. Instead, we work positively and creatively across a wide team to share one another's successes and to offer thoughtful solutions to questions, inspired by the same values. As a group of Headteachers, our collective understanding and experience mean that we draw on each other readily, in a proper spirit of support and mutual respect. – **Lucy Hudson**

Some say that Headship can be a 'lonely place', at times. Not in The Education Alliance! Malet Lambert was lucky to be one of the first schools to join TEAL. The support we receive as a school from the trust team has been crucial in our development. Much of the 'heavy lifting' is taken away from schools, which means my leadership team and I can focus more on the day to day running of the school, whilst working alongside trust colleagues strategically. The trust has assisted us in the development of the school, whether it be our curriculum offer, value for money procurement or sustainability, just as a few of many examples. The skillset in the trust team is strong and varied. The size of the trust also allows a very personal offer, where everyone knows everyone else and you very much feel like a valued school rather than just a number. Malet Lambert is a very proud member of TEAL, as am I as a Headteacher. – **Patrick Sprakes**

As a new Headteacher, being part of TEAL is invaluable. I am part of a wider team of Headteachers who I am able to share ideas with, seek advice from and, ultimately, this helps to improve the experiences for all our young people. The advantage of working as a group of schools is that we can share ideas and resources which reduce workload and make people's lives easier. This reduces the duplication of effort across TEAL and helps us take full advantage of the expertise we have in all of our schools. A wide range of similar groups work together regularly, including: whole school curriculum leaders, pastoral leaders and SENDCOs. Whatever your role in TEAL, the opportunity to work with other people across our schools helps us to secure the best experience for our students, whilst keeping workload as manageable as possible. – **Vicky Loftus**

Since joining TEAL officially in October 2022, the benefits to the school have been felt throughout the school. Whether it is the support of the central team in taking away some of the 'heavy lifting' around finance, HR, estates, kitchen services, IT or on the ground support/development through weekly on-site visits, as a Headteacher, it feels easier to navigate my day to day duties whilst being able to focus on delivering the best possible provision to our pupils. As a Headteacher, one of the barriers to my role was previously having to wait for support or a response to a request - this isn't the case since joining TEAL. Support is forthcoming and quickly available. – **Lee Hill**

What does Ofsted say about TEAL?



“Staff work very effectively with others in The Education Alliance (TEAL) trust to enhance the experience and opportunities that all pupils have at The Snaith School.”

Ofsted, May 2022, The Snaith School

“The Headteacher is supported by a highly effective trust. The chief executive officers and the local governing board have an in-depth knowledge of the quality of teaching at the school. The trust provides the bedrock from which the school has been built. As the school has grown and new classes have joined, the trust has given guidance and additional leadership and teaching capacity to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength.”

Ofsted, 2018, Hunsley Primary



“Leaders are clear that they want to develop the next generation of great teachers, ethical school leaders and advocates for the teaching profession.”

Ofsted, 2019, YWTT





About South Hunsley School and Sixth Form

South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College is a larger than average 11-19 Comprehensive School with approximately 2,200 students on roll. We are part of The Education Alliance, a growing multi-academy trust, currently consisting of South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College, Malet Lambert School, Driffield School and Sixth Form, The Snaith School, Hunsley Primary School, North Cave Church of England Primary School and Howden Junior School. We are also proud partners of Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training and the Wolds Associate Research School.

“Students are very well prepared for their future lives.”

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Pastoral Support

South Hunsley has a strong community ethos which is embedded in our house system. We have six houses, each house with its own distinctive character which captures what it means to be a member of the South Hunsley community. Our house system encourages students to strive to do their best, not only for themselves but for their fellow house members.

Be Well

The Be Well programme is a unique resource to TEAL, to increase mental health provision for children, staff and our families through a range of activities including:

- High quality staff training and support
 - A commitment to ensuring we have trained Youth Mental Health First Aiders at a ratio of 50:1 within our schools
- A listening service for children, parents and staff as a drop-in service, in person or virtually
- A range of workshops for young people of all ages and parents
- Access to a high quality training programme for young people who wish to become Well-being Ambassadors

South Hunsley Sixth Form

South Hunsley has a thriving and successful Sixth Form with a large number of our school students choosing to continue their post-16 education with us.

Students have a wide variety of courses to choose from and we continue to offer a varied and challenging curriculum to stretch our students and help them develop the skills that they will require for success in later life.

We encourage all of our Sixth Form students to develop into independent and enquiring learners with clear goals and a will to succeed, and we remain very proud of the wide range of achievements of both current and former students.

Over recent years, we have made a significant investment in our buildings to ensure we can deliver a first class learning experience which will equip our students with the skills required for work in the 21st Century. We have well equipped computer rooms and WiFi access across the site, a modern Media Music Suite with state of the art recording and filming Equipment. Our purpose built science building is home to seven specialist science labs with industry standard specialist science equipment and two preparation rooms.

Having been named as the sixth best state school for sport in the UK in 2023, our school offers some of the best school sporting facilities in the East Riding, including a 3G sports pitch, leisure centre and an indoor multi-use facility.



The school is passionate about inclusion with our primary aim to work closely with students, parents and staff to facilitate personalised programmes of support and create a fulfilling and successful educational experience for all. We were delighted to be recognised by the Inclusion Quality Mark in 2019, 2020, 2021 as a centre of excellence.



“Staff work hard to ensure there is shared understanding of inclusivity and the whole school regard this as a priority area.”



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Please see the school's [Child Protection Policy and Procedures](#) and the Education Alliance's [Child Protection Policy](#).

Job Description

Reporting To: SEND Manager

Job Purpose:

To assist and support the teaching of students within the school

Key Responsibilities

General:

- Works under the direction and guidance of a teacher.
- Understands lesson objectives.
- May be involved in lesson planning.
- Works within wider legislation framework, e.g. national curriculum, health and safety, child protection.
- Facilitates participation and learning, helping to build confidence and self-esteem, so that all students, including those who present challenging behaviour, are enabled to reach their full potential alongside their peers.
- Ensures students' equal access to learning and development.
- Must comply with legislation and school policies relating to discrimination.
- Must promote anti-discrimination practices in all interactions with students and colleagues.
- Demonstrates and promotes an understanding and appreciation of difference in personal characteristics, belief system and cultures.
- Encourages and promotes independent learners.
- Provides opportunities for pupils to demonstrate self-reliance and responsibility.
- Must adhere to the need for confidentiality of information at all times.
- Takes responsibility for maintaining and improving personal skills, knowledge and experience.
- Developing an understanding of the specific needs of the student(s) to be supported taking into account the type of support involved.
- Undertaking activities with either individuals or groups of students to ensure their safety and facilitate their physical, emotional and educational development, by for example;
 1. clarifying and explaining instructions;
 2. ensuring the student is able to use equipment and materials provided;
 3. assisting in identified areas, e.g. language, behaviour, reading, spelling, numeracy, handwriting/presentation, the use of ICT, social skills and EAL
 4. helping students to concentrate on, and finish work set;
 5. meeting the physical needs of pupils as required whilst encouraging independence;
 6. liaising with the class teacher and SENCO about individual needs
 7. developing appropriate resources to support the student(s)
- Assisting teaching staff (and other professionals as appropriate) in the planning of support and behaviour programmes for individual and groups of students.
- Participating in the implementation and evaluation of the support programme.
- In conjunction with the class teacher (and other professionals as appropriate) developing a system of recording student progress.
- Contributing to the review of students' progress either verbally, in writing or through attendance at review meetings, as appropriate.
- Contributing to the assessment process with the teacher.
- Carrying out administrative tasks associated with the above duties as directed by the teacher, i.e. photocopying, writing short reports concerning individual students.
- Assisting students to change for PE and swimming.
- Deal with the personal care and comfort of students as required in relation to welfare, health, hygiene, toileting, dressing, feeding and mobility.
- Providing regular feedback about the student(s) to the class teacher or line manager.
- Meeting with teachers or Heads of House on a regular basis to discuss issues relevant to the area in order to improve practice in the whole area.
- Supporting teaching staff in the development of home/school links.

- Assisting in the smooth transition of students between educational phases.
- Carrying out administrative tasks i.e. photocopying, writing short reports concerning individual students.
- Administering personal care, therapy programmes, or minor first aid (where trained), assisting in the dispensation or administration of medically prescribed controlled drugs, and assisting with students who are sick.
- Assisting with lunch and break time supervision of students on a rota basis.
- Helping with educational visits and outings.
- Attending staff meetings, teacher training days, and courses as appropriate.
- Support the use of specialist equipment and procedures including, moving and handling to meet a child's individual needs.
- Administer first aid (where trained) and assist with students who are sick.
- Maintain confidentiality with due regard to data protection.

Specific:

Carry out other reasonable tasks from time to time as directed by the teacher or senior staff.

- The post holder will be expected to work within the school and trust's policies and procedures.
- Performing other such duties as reasonably correspond to the general character of the post and are commensurate with its level of responsibility.

General Information:

- *The job description is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities, but indicates the key requirements of the post. It may be amended at a future time, to take account of the developing needs of the trust. The post holder will undertake any other duties at the request of the CEO, appropriate to the remit.*
- *The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974 and other associated legislation places responsibilities for Health and Safety on all employees. Therefore, it is the postholder's responsibility to take reasonable care for Health and Safety and Welfare of themselves and others in accordance with legislation.*
- *The trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.*
- *The post holder must follow the trust's Data Protection Policy and associated documentation.*

Ethical Leadership Qualities, Competencies and Behaviours

Competency	We do this by
Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being reliable, consistent, credible, honest, humble, courageous and kind. • Managing emotions and helping others to manage their emotions. • Keeping promises and doing what you say you will do. • Having a genuine interest in others.
Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing knowledge and real expertise, then sharing knowledge. • Learning from mistakes and failures and admitting when we are wrong. • Recruiting knowledgeable, skilled experts, learning from them, embracing their expertise and helping them to flourish. • Viewing systems, methods, models and techniques as a means to an end, removing or changing them if they prove to be ineffective.
Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being kind, humble and authentic. • Leading with compassion and care, listening and seeing beyond the job role to the person. • Using high levels of emotional intelligence. Building trust and rapport with others, by acknowledging, empowering and elevating others.
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing what is right, rather than what is popular or easy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring we live and breathe our sense of purpose and values in the way we behave, interact with others, make decisions and communicate. • Ensuring rules are necessary and applying them in a consistent, transparent and fair way, whilst allowing for discretion and common sense. • Valuing difference, building diverse teams and encouraging others to behave responsibly towards the community and the environment.
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing stress and anxiety in the organisation by modelling calm and considerate behaviour. • Behaving in a dutiful, conscientious way, demonstrating humility and self-control to build great schools. • Removing barriers and blockers to enable others to do their jobs well. • Leaving our egos at the door and putting ourselves in the service of others. • Channel ambition into our schools, not ourselves, and developing our successors.
Courage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking in the mirror when something goes wrong. • Remaining calm, optimistic and positive in the face of adversity, adapting to changing circumstances and helping others to move forward. • Give the whole truth, the back-story and the why.
Optimism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believing in our own ability, and the ability of others, to do what is right to change the world for the better. • Calling out negativity and cynicism. • Remaining positive and encouraging, despite sometimes experiencing setbacks, challenges and pressures. Helping others to maximise opportunities, overcome challenges and celebrate success.
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipating the future and helping people ready themselves for change. Thinking strategically, researching, gathering, analysing and assessing information, seeking opportunities for organisational development. • Scan the horizon, read and research, share learning with others and collaborate to consider options, obstacles and risks. • Believing in the potential of others; helping them be the best they can be. • Quickly taking in new information and translating that into recommendations, decisions, plans and projects.

Person Specification

	JOB REQUIREMENT	Essential	Preferred	* How assessed
Qualifications and Experience	Equivalent to grade C GCSE in English and Maths	✓		A & I
	TA Qualification	✓		
	First Aid Qualification		✓	
	Some specialist SEN training e.g. ADHD		✓	
	Experience of working with children	✓		
	Previously worked as a TA in a secondary/special school		✓	
	Worked with a range of SEN types		✓	
Personal and Interpersonal	Adaptability, initiative, good communication skills, humour and understanding	✓		A, I & R
	Good team player	✓		
	Empathic with children	✓		

Special Skills and Aptitudes	Ability to motivate students	✓		A & I
	Ability to communicate with a wide variety of staff and students	✓		
	Knowledge of KS3 curriculum		✓	
	Experience of behaviour management strategies		✓	
	Subject specialism	✓		
	Ability to build self esteem	✓		
Physical	Physically fit to do the job	✓		A & I
	Willing to support the whole range of practical subjects including PE	✓		
	Punctual	✓		
	Reliable	✓		
Staff Development	Willingness and ability to contribute to learn and develop	✓		A & I
Child Protection	A commitment to the responsibility of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people	✓		I
	Enhanced DBS disclosure (to be completed by preferred candidate following interview)	✓		
	Willingness to undertake Child Protection training when required	✓		I

* A = by application, R = by references, I = assessed by Interview

Benefits

Here at The Education Alliance we are committed to supporting our entire workforce. Alongside our ethical leadership and workload charter we offer a range of benefits which include:

- Free Flu vaccinations held on site each year
- Refund of the cost of an Annual NHS Prescription Prepayment Certificate
- Regular staff surveys and opportunities to engage in focus groups which gives you the opportunity to shape the future of the school and the trust
- In school individual support from Mind as part of the school's Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Well Being
- We will shortly be launching the TeamTEAL benefits platform in partnership with Vivup, giving access to a car salary sacrifice scheme, a cycle to work scheme, access to Wagestream and other lifestyle benefits which will allow staff to save money
- An induction programme and continued investment in training and development, with access to coaching and mentoring, career and professional development
- Family friendly policies and opportunities for flexible working, with a trust commitment to continually look to ways to improve the work-life balance for our staff
- Free parking and good transport links
- Automatic membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme and the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Recognition of continuous service if you join us from another school, academy or local government employer
- Hot and cold snacks and meals available from our canteens and complimentary lunches when on lunch duty and training days
- Corporate membership to the East Riding Leisure gyms, saving over 25% on membership costs and onsite gym at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College, at only £12.50 per month
- Employee Assistance Scheme available 24/7 via telephone or on-line portal, providing advice on assistance on a wide range of practical issues ranging from legal information and consumer issues to specialist counselling

The Recruitment Process

We are proud of our school and welcome the opportunity to show prospective staff who are interested in any current vacancies around the site.

For more information about the school and everything we have to offer, please visit southhunsley.org.uk and <https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/> Should you have any questions about this exciting opportunity, hesitate to contact Freya Dobson (HR Officer) on 01482 631208 or by email via Freya.Dobson@southhunsley.org.uk if you would like to visit or find out more.



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