**Position: Teaching Assistant - Band D**

**Salary: £24,790-£25,183 FTE (Pro rata to number of hours worked £17,394-£17,669)**

**Location: The Willows School**

**Contract type: Permanent - Required asap or to start 24th February 2025**

**Closing date: 9am Monday 13th January 2025**

**Interview date: Week beginning 20th January 2025**

The Willows strapline is “I can”. Everyone is encouraged to be a leader and to take responsibility for their own learning. Everyone can achieve. Everyone is important and has a role to play.

The Willows provides an exciting, challenging experience for all our pupils and young people, and we ensure they develop the skills to fulfil their aspirations, exceed their own expectations and prepare for their life as an adult.

We strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, where each individual is valued and listened to. Everyone has a voice. We actively promote high self-esteem and confidence for all. Risk taking is encouraged with the security and knowledge that we can learn from success and setback in a supportive environment.

We aim to be an integral part of the local/wider community where a sharing of skills and knowledge is a vital part of lifelong learning.

**About the Trust**

Nexus Multi Academy Trust was founded in 2016 and has the highest ambitions possible for everyone we work with. We are a forward thinking and innovative Trust with collaboration, enrichment and improvement enshrined within our day to day practice ensuring that leaners and their families are always at the centre of what we do.

The vision for Nexus is that we are constantly “Learning together, to be the best we can be.” This vision is what we aspire to and is as relatable to every employee and partner of our Trust as it is to our children, young adults and their families. Please see a copy of our most recent prospectus, which is included in the recruitment pack for this advert.

**Our Opportunity**

General Teaching Assistant to support the learning with a group of pupils positioned within the age range across the school. Required asap or start date 24th February 2025.

The Willows is seeking to appoint enthusiastic, energetic and caring individuals to join a dedicated team of staff.

You must be able to work on your own initiative and also work well as part of a team and have a commitment to supporting the learning and development of children with special educational needs. An NVQ Level 3 qualification, plus previous experience of working with children with special educational needs would be desirable although not essential depending on other relevant experience.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who would welcome a new challenge within a forward thinking school.

**What you can expect**

* An exciting opportunity to join a growing academy with The Willows School
* An opportunity to join colleagues who will make you proud to be part of our state education system
* Access to tailored CPD through Nexus Academies Trust and the Opportunity Area which includes pathways into Initial Teaching Training
* Working within an award winning MAT who pride themselves on having friendly and supportive academies who together are helping to transform communities

**Further information**

For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Liz Worrall on 01709 542539 or email thewillows.admin@nexusmat.org

**Nexus Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed.

This post involves working with children and therefore if successful you will be required to apply for a disclosure of criminal records check at an enhanced level and a barred list check. Further information about the Disclosure and Barring Service and can be found at [www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check](http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check).

We are an equal opportunities employer committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce.

For more information and an application form to apply please download from the schools website or email thewillows.admin@nexusmat.org

All candidates are advised to refer to the job description and person specification before making an application.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early should we receive an overwhelming response.