



**Applicant Information Pack
Teaching Assistant Level 2
(Roma/Slovak Speaking)**



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 are we?

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 into 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.

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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 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 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

At Whiteways Primary School, we envision a dynamic and inclusive learning community where every child is empowered to achieve their fullest potential. Our commitment is to nurture a love for learning, foster creativity, and instil values of respect, responsibility, and resilience. We strive to create a safe and supportive environment where diversity is celebrated, and every child is prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world. Together with families and the broader community, we aim to inspire lifelong learners who are confident, compassionate, and equipped to make positive contributions to society.

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.



Teaching Assistant Level 2

As the Headteacher, I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Teaching Assistant Level 2 at Whiteways Primary School. We are thrilled that you are considering joining our dynamic team in this important role.

Whiteways is situated in the north of Sheffield. 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. Our school is truly a wonderful place, where all children are loved, cherished and nurtured. It is a vibrant, multi-cultural school where children are happy, confident and enthusiastic in their learning.

At Whiteways, we strive for a culture of excellence and impact. We endeavour to bring our curriculum alive through quality first hand experiences within a tailored and personalised curriculum for all our children, giving them opportunities to visit new places and experience residential visits. We ensure every child has a positive learning attitude, and captures a life-long love of learning; setting strong foundations for their future.

As a school, 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 with us.

I hope that the information provided will give you a flavour of what we are aiming to achieve.

I encourage you to explore our website, read about our school's values, and learn about our vibrant community. If you share our passion for education and our vision for a brighter future, we invite you to apply for the Teaching Assistant Level 2 post at Whiteways.

Thank you for considering Whiteways as your potential workplace. We look forward to receiving your application and the opportunity to welcome you into our Whiteways family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Ross'.

Anna Ross, HEADTEACHER





Teaching Assistant Level 2

Start date: September 2026

Hours: 32.5 hours per week

Salary: Grade 3 SCP 5 – 6, £25,583 - £25,989 per annum *

Actual Salary: £19,329 - £19,635 per annum *

Temporary in the first instance

***Pending pay award**

Cascade Multi Academy Trust is seeking to appoint a Level 2 Teaching Assistant (Roma/Slovak Speaking) to join the Trust.

We recommend you read our recent Ofsted report to understand the diverse needs of our community, and how our dedicated and ambitious staff team support our children to succeed. Our school is rated good, with KS2 outcomes at or above national.

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, with two new schools joining in the new year.

Whiteways Primary School is a collaborative, multicultural and vibrant place to work. We pride ourselves on working together as a staff team to ensure we give our children the best starting points in life. Our curriculum is what excites the children for learning, and we strive to be innovative in our teaching approaches. We continually celebrate our uniqueness and diversity through our curriculum and community cohesion; making learning purposeful, immersive and challenging.

The Role:

The role is based at Whiteways Primary School which has an experienced, inspirational and forward-thinking senior leadership team. You will work under the guidance of teaching/senior staff and within an agreed system of supervision, to implement work programmes with individuals/groups, in or out of the classroom. The role will also be based in the school admin team helping improve attendance outcomes for the school, working closely with families.

The main duties will involve:

- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom and admin team
- Improving attendance and punctuality
- Improve communication between Home and School
- Provide translation between school and families
- To work with parents and the school to handle and resolve challenges together
- Be a motivational communicator for children of all abilities ensuring learning is engaging and inclusive
- Supporting children's learning and development through play
- Work with the teacher to establish an appropriate learning environment
- Be very flexible and adapt quickly to change
- Provide clerical/admin. support e.g. photocopying, typing & filing

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following:

- Be able to work effectively within the team to ensure there are high quality and effective learning opportunities for all children
- Have a good understanding of child development
- Work closely within the year group and whole school team
- Experience of providing a stimulating, fun, engaging and educational environment for all children
- Be keen to work in partnership with teachers and as part of a cohesive team
- Be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the children
- Have the ability to build excellent relationships and work positively with children, colleagues, parents and the community
- To engage families in activities which support children's learning
- Be able to work under instruction as well as having the ability to use their own initiative
- Have the ability to build excellent relationships and work positively with children, colleagues, parents and the community
- Be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the children
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and contribute to group thinking, planning etc.

For all your hard work, we provide:

- A successful and visionary team to support you
- A supportive and committed staff team
- We cover cost of your enhanced disclosure check
- 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 and provide any information that would make them unsuitable to work with children prior to interview. 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 school, please contact **Beth Callaghan** via email at recruitment@whitewaysprimary.co.uk.

You can download the word version of the application form from Cascade's website – [Recruitment | Cascade MAT](#)

Please do not use Sheffield City Council application form

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

Closing Date: Monday 8th June 2026
Interview Date: Tuesday 16th June 2026



CASCADE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST JOB DESCRIPTION

	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 (Roma/Slovak Speaking)
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
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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

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

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.

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

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.

ISSUE DATE: March 2022



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Teaching Assistant Level 2

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.

Qualification and experience

Candidates should have:

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

Personal qualities

Candidates should:

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

Skills	
Candidates should be able to:	
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:	
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.

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 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 an Interview and Task(s) associated with the role skills, knowledge and personal attributes, which are known collectively as competencies.

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 and equal opportunities monitoring form, these should be returned via email by the closing date specified in the advert.

recruitment@whitewaysprimary.co.uk

Privacy Notices

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<https://cascademat.co.uk>

Safeguarding

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