

Teaching Assistant Level 3,
Birchen Coppice Academy Kidderminster
32.5 Hours per week
Term time only plus 5 Inset days

Recruitment Pack

Permanent from 13th April
Pay scale: NJC07 – NJC17 (subject to experience)
£19,976 - £23,470 (actual salary)

Welcome From the CEO

Thank you for your interest in joining the team at Victoria Academies Trust.

I am delighted that you are interested in working with us. Victoria Academies Trust is a primary only trust based in the West Midlands consisting of a mix of sponsor, converter and free schools. We currently have ten schools open; nine mainstream and one special school.

Victoria Academies Trust was set up in 2014 up with the sole aim 'to make our people the best they can be'. We are passionate about making a difference to the lives of our pupils,

families and colleagues. We want to inspire our young people to achieve more than they imagine possible, and having the right people in every role across our schools is an important part of making our vision become reality.

We have a strong board of Trustees who work closely with the trust executive team to focus on our goals of investing in our school communities, growing and valuing our colleagues and preparing our children for the

future. This ensures that our schools are on a continual journey to the be best they can be. We currently educate over 3200 pupils across

the primary age range, and employ over 500 colleagues across our schools and in our Trust Central Team.

We may be ten schools, but our vision and values run through our Trust and we truly as a family, united in our ambition for our people 'To Be The Best They Can Be'.

The opportunity:

We are looking to recruit Level 3 Teaching Assistant at Birchen Coppice Academy from 13th April 2026

Full downloadable recruitment forms can be found on our website at [Job Vacancies \(victoriaacademiestrust.org\)](http://Job Vacancies (victoriaacademiestrust.org))

We are committed to flexible working and are happy to have discussions with prospective candidates.



Sharron Philpot
CEO
Victoria Academies Trust



About Us

Our Mission

Our mission is our reason for being - it is simply: to make our people the best they can be.

Our people are our colleagues, our pupils, our governors and our school communities - we work with and empower our people to be the best they can be.

Our Vision

Our vision is the picture we paint, the future we want to create, based on our mission.

We are a family of schools, united in our passion for inspiring pupils to achieve more than they imagine possible.

We have a positive influence on children's lives in areas where we can make the most difference.

We are ambitious for our children. Our high expectations of them, the memorable experiences and opportunities they have in our schools, along with the kindness and compassion which is at the centre of our Trust means that they will be successful in whatever they choose for their future.

We are at the heart of our communities; a place where local people can turn to for help, support and guidance, working with us for the greater good of our shared community.

We are aspirational for our people, who are given opportunities to grow, develop and become experts in their chosen fields.

Our people feel valued and supported; they show ambition, courage and resilience, but most of all are kind and respectful.

Our Values

Our Values are important to us and guide our behaviours, our relationships and the way we work together. They define how we want to be.

These values of **Unity, Integrity, Courage, Curiosity and Excellence**, along with our commitment to strong ethical leadership ensure that we build a positive and powerful legacy to be proud of.



Unity

We know that by working together, we are stronger than working alone. We work together as a family, united in our shared responsibility to achieve our mission.



Integrity

We show integrity by being honest, truthful, and transparent; always doing what we believe is right and true. We show kindness and respect by treating others with dignity, empathy, and understanding.



Courage

We show courage by being ambitious, challenging ourselves and others to achieve more. We take on challenges with enthusiasm, determination, and resilience, learning from failures.



Curiosity

We show curiosity by having a passion to learn, explore, and discover new things and new ways of working. We are innovative and ambitious, always seeking to be even better.



Excellence

We have a strong commitment to continuous improvement, a willingness to learn and a dedication to becoming the best we can be.

What we can offer you

Joining the Victoria Academies Trust means becoming part of a vibrant and dedicated community that is committed to ensuring colleagues are supported 'To Be They Best They Can Be'

This is what we can offer you:



Competitive Pay Scales

- **Transparent Salary Framework:** We offer clear and transparent pay scales, aligned to government recommended pay, that reflect your experience and expertise.
- **Annual Pay Review:** Commitment to regular reviews to ensure our salaries remain aligned to government recommended scales for teaching and non-teaching staff.



Professional Development

- **Tailored Growth:** Benefit from our bespoke professional development programmes, designed to help you reach your career goals.
- Access to over 100 tailored CPD courses through a mix of flexible webinars and online or face to face opportunities
- Opportunities to network with likeminded individuals- through networks, meetings and our annual Whole Trust Conference.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** With a clear pathway for progression, you have the chance to advance into leadership roles within our trust – teaching and non-teaching



Generous Pension Scheme

- **Teachers' Pension Scheme:** Benefit from one of the most generous pension schemes in the UK.
- **Local Government Pension Scheme:** Our support staff are enrolled in the LGPS, which is a secure and flexible pension plan that provides a valuable package of retirement and death in service benefits
- **Employer Contributions:** We make significant employer contributions to your pension, helping you plan for the future with confidence.



Well-being and Support

- **Work-Life Balance:** We support a healthy work-life balance with flexible working options and a commitment to you through our Flexible Working Policy and People Strategy
- **Health and Wellness:** Access to our comprehensive wellbeing and benefits scheme which includes counselling services, access to Doctor, Nurse and Physio support, online wellbeing and exercise sessions, discounts on gym membership, cycle to work scheme and lifestyle voucher scheme
- Paid expenses in line with HMRC guidance – and access to free parking on site at our schools
- **Dedicated technology** – To enable you to fulfil your role effectively
- Dedicated shared working spaces allowing colleagues to collaborate and work in a way that suits them
- Generous holiday allowance – many of our roles are term time only contracts



Community and Culture

- **Collaborative Environment:** Thrive in our culture of teamwork and support, where ideas are shared and successes celebrated.
- **Community Impact:** Make a real difference in our local communities through various outreach and engagement activities and events

We are proud to offer a fantastic and supportive working environment where our passion for inspiring our children to achieve more than they imagine possible is at the heart of everything we do.

If you're ready to make a significant impact and grow with us, we would love to welcome you to our team

Our Schools, Our Journey



2012

Victoria Park Primary becomes Victoria Park Academy



2014

Victoria Academies Trust founded



2014

Rowley Park Academy, Staffordshire join as first sponsor school



2014

Devonshire Infant and Junior Academies, Sandwell join as converter



2017

Birchen Coppice Academy, Worcestershire join as a sponsor academy



2016

Fibbersley Park Academy, Walsall join as a sponsor academy



2015

Northfield Manor Academy, Birmingham join as a converter academy



2018

Foley Park Academy, Worcestershire join as a converter academy



2019

Poppyfield Academy, Staffordshire opens as our first Free School



2022

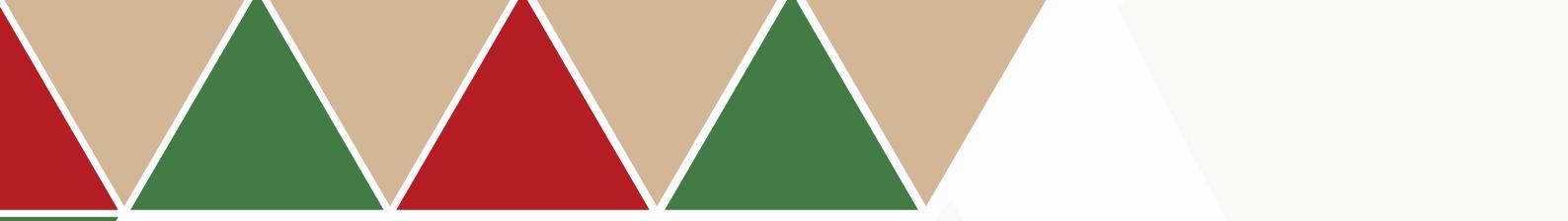
Elm Tree Academy, Sandwell opens as our first SEND Free School



2025

Whitehall Nursery & Infant Academy join as converter school
2025





Role Overview

Teaching Assistant Level 3

Birchen Coppice Academy is a one-form school in Kidderminster. We are a well-resourced school, enjoying a modern, spacious building and impressive, attractive grounds. We are part of Victoria Academies Trust, a close-knit family of schools who share a passion for making all members of our schools the best that they can be.

We are looking to appoint a Level 3 Teaching assistant to support classroom teacher by helping to supervise and support learning activities.

- Working with children on an individual, small group or whole class basis.
- Energetic, positive and have the ability to work effectively as part of our team
- Willing to go the extra mile to make great things happen for our children

As a school, we can offer the successful candidate:

- A commitment to continuing professional development
- A supportive and hardworking staff team who are united in their drive to ensure children achieve the very best outcomes academically and socially
- Friendly and happy children who are keen and eager to learn

Birchen Coppice Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For further information please contact Miss Hall (Business Support Officer/PA to Headteacher) on 01562 823582 or via email nhall@birchencoppiceacademy.org.uk

Please return completed applications marked for the attention of Headteacher Mrs Pennington, Birchen Coppice Academy, Woodbury Road, Kidderminster DY11 7JJ or to the email address.

Closing Date:

12 Noon Friday 6th March 2026

Interviews: w/c 9th March 2026





Job Description

Responsibilities of the role

School – Birchen Coppice Academy

Position profile

School: Birchen Coppice Academy
Post title: Teaching Assistant Level 3
Responsible to: Headteacher
Remuneration: NJC07 – NJC17 (Subject to experience)
Commencement date: 13th April 2026

General professional duties and responsibilities:

The postholder must at all times carry out her/his responsibilities with due regard to the Trust's policies including the Equal Opportunities Policy.

Particular responsibilities (that do not include or imply any voluntary activities)

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and those who are considered vulnerable or entitled to pupil premium funding.
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher

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Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons
- Be prepared to plan small group interventions in liaison with the SENCO.

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Whole-school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

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Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity

Note

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. The particular duties and responsibilities listed above may be subject to reasonable change from time to time following consultation between the Assistant Headteacher and the postholder.

Person Specification

Early Year's Practitioner

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of a Level 3 Diploma (or equivalent) with proficient practical skills• Minimum of GCSE Grade C or higher (or equivalent) in English and Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree• Paediatric First Aid trained• Further CPD in relation to SEND
Knowledge, understanding and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous experience of working with children in primary school settings• Experience supporting children with a range of needs – including SEND and abilities• Experience of communicating with parents/carers• Experience of liaising with professionals• Understanding of relevant policies/codes of practice.• Use of other equipment technology – video, photocopier.• Well-developed interpersonal skills to be able to relate well to a wide range of people.• Work constructively as part of a team whilst being able to demonstrate initiative.• Good communication skills.• Effective use of ICT to support learning• Ability to plan, deliver and evaluate engaging learning activities• Strong organisational and time management abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Write Inc trained• Knowledge of emotional coaching/trauma informed practice

Person Specification

Early Year's Practitioner

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Personal and professional qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has a friendly yet professional and respectful approach which demonstrates support and shows mutual respect.Open, honest and an active listener.Takes responsibility and accountability.Committed to the needs of the pupils, parents and other stakeholders and challenge barriers and blocks to providing an effective service.Demonstrates a “can do” attitude including suggesting solutions, participating, trusting and encouraging others and achieving expectations.Is committed to the provision and improvement of quality service provision.Is adaptable to change/embraces and welcomes change.Acts with pace and urgency being energetic, enthusiastic and decisive.Communicates effectively.Has the ability to learn from experiences and challenges.Is committed to the continuous development of self and others by keeping up to date and sharing knowledge, encouraging new ideas, seeking new opportunities and challenges, open to ideas and developing new skills	

*Note: Due to the nature of how a multi-academy trust operates there is an expectation that all staff are willing and able to travel across the MAT (via their own car) to provide school-to-school support from time to time, as required. This means that a clean driving licence and acceptance of these terms is essential. Travel expenses will be reimbursed at the agreed rate.

Safeguarding

Victoria Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to provide references, undertake an enhanced check through the Disclosure and Barring Service, and comply with the Safeguarding Policy and child protection practices of the Trust.

Equalities:

Victoria Academies Trust has a strong commitment to achieving equality of opportunity in its academies and in the employment of people. The post will ensure that the Trust meets its statutory obligations in relation to all aspects of equalities legislation.

Flexible Working:

Victoria Academies Trust is committed to ensuring that all colleagues have working conditions that meet their own needs, as well as the needs of their schools and children. Details of our Flexible working policy can be found on our website: [VAT-Flexible-Working-Policy-v1.0-.pdf \(victoriaacademiestrust.org\)](http://victoriaacademiestrust.org)



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