**Reception Teaching Assistant**

**Salary: G3 SCP 10 – SCP 13, £22,737 - £23,115 FTE – Pay Award Pending**

**Actual Salary: £18,747 - £19,058**

**Working hours: 35 hours per week, Term Time only plus 5 inset days (working 39 weeks)**

**Contract type: FTC until August 2025**

**Start date: ASAP**

We are looking for a passionate and dedicated Teaching Assistant to join our friendly Reception team. The successful candidate will work closely with the class teacher to provide high-quality support and ensure a positive and engaging learning environment for our youngest learners.

**We are looking for:**

* Relevant experience working with children, ideally in an Early Years setting.
* A caring and nurturing attitude, with a passion for supporting young children.
* Strong communication skills, with the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.
* Patience, empathy, and the ability to manage challenging behaviour effectively.
* Flexibility and creativity in supporting children’s learning in a fun, interactive way.

Waterside Primary School is proud to be situated in the heart of Stoke on-Trent where cultural richness and diversity is celebrated within our school and our local community. There is sharp focus at Waterside on becoming respectful and tolerant citizens which enable positive interactions within and beyond our school. Although there is a high level of deprivation, and social challenges we are committed to **‘Empowering Learners’** and enriching lives.

Due to the challenges within our context, we place high priority on developing the whole child. We are highly ambitious and inclusive and strive to intrinsically embed the British Values and our Personal Development curriculum including our school values (Respect, Determination, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Inspiration, Equality) to ensure that pupils acquire skills and knowledge for future learning and life in modern Britain.  All staff at Waterside are highly aspirational and consistently deliver rich learning experiences within our ambitious broad and balance 4D curriculum, that secure academic achievement and progress, whilst going beyond the curriculum to reinforce the skills required for life-long learning.

At Waterside, we understand the importance of equity in ensuring all pupils are able to achieve from their individual starting points, and through the challenging and diversified opportunities that we provide, children become confident learners who are prepared for life beyond the classroom.

Our ambition and passion for success for all, drives the work that we do and the decisions that we make.

**All candidates are required to provide a supporting statement on the formal application forms which states clearly your reasons for applying, skills and experience for this position.**

**Shaw Education Trust** are a thriving mix of diverse and growing schools including Primary, Secondary and Special Schools all working together to improve the lives of young people in our communities. We are sponsored by Shaw Trust a charity organisation that focuses on transforming lives. We’re a growing group of dynamically awesome academies providing education to children of all ages and abilities. Staff across our team of schools are dedicated to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be successful, whatever their starting point in life.

**We believe that everyone has the potential to be extraordinary!**

To this end, our growing number of **Primary schools** within the trust tirelessly pursue excellence through research-based collaboration and innovation. Our developing, Trust-wide, 3D Primary curriculum and pioneering Digital Strategy is designed to create inspirational, energetic and immersive learning experiences. These enable every child to flourish within a caring, stimulating and purposeful atmosphere; fully prepared for their next stage of life and learning.

We know that at primary school, the quality of teaching affects both children’s social behaviour and intellectual development. This age and stage of learning has a more powerful impact on children’s academic progress than any other educational sector. Home too has a vital part to play! - Recognised through extensive research, it is the importance of early experiences and the powerful combination of home, pre-school and primary school partnerships that set the foundations enabling our amazing children and pupils to succeed.

Unlike other MATs, we don’t enforce a curriculum for all our schools to follow. Instead, we support each individual school to offer a programme that enables our students to deepen their knowledge, develop their skills, sparks their imagination and fires their curiosity.

Our schools span from Birmingham to Bury, meaning that we can support students from all walks of life, no matter their background or socioeconomic status. In doing this, we can help ensure all children are able to access a high standard of education, with all being treated equally.

Please visit our Careers site for more information on Seabridge Primary on [Waterside Primary School Career Site (schoolrecruiter.com)](https://waterside-stoke.schoolrecruiter.com/)

  Or click the QR Code to see all vacancies with Waterside Primary School.

**Shaw Education Trust offer the following employee benefits with your Teaching or Support Staff employment:**

* An excellent Local Government Pension Scheme (Support Staff) / Teachers Pension (Teaching Staff)
* **Support Staff only** based on working **full time, all year** - Generous holiday entitlement from your first day of employment (**37 days holiday** **rising to 39 days** after 5 years’ service including Bank Holidays)
* Electric Car Scheme: Environmentally friendly vehicles with our electric car scheme.
* Access to Medicash Health & Wellbeing Plan: Enjoy health services designed to support your well-being.
* Free DiscountForTeachers Scheme for all staff (Support and Teaching), Exclusive discounts to save money with a wide selection of discounts and exclusive offers from hundreds of the biggest brands.
* Free Eye Tests
* Cycle to work scheme
* Access to our Institute of Education and fantastic opportunities to help you **grow, contribute** and **flourish** in your role and in the Trust.

We know **our people** are the key to our success and so we’re committed to ensuring the **employment experience** at **Shaw Education Trust** is a **rewarding** one.

**Waterside Primary School** is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment, click here to review Safeguarding and Pupil Protection Policy <https://www.shaw-education.org.uk/our-trust/key-information>

This position is subject to appropriate vetting procedures including an online checks and criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions.

All shortlisted candidates will undergo an online search as part of Trust safer recruitment checks.

We are an Equal Opportunities employer and will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

**In accordance with our safer recruitment policy CVs alone will not be accepted.**

**Application deadline:     9.00am 4th October 2024**

**Interview date: 9th October 2024**

**We reserve the right to appoint before the closing date as we review applications on an on-going basis and interviews may be arranged as suitable candidates are identified, therefore, we encourage early applications.**

Successful candidates will be subject to a fully Enhanced DBS check along with other relevant employment checks.