



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
Catholic Academy

Teaching Assistant

Recruitment Pack



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Why Choose Our School?



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Our School Vision

At Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, our mission is to become the number one school of choice in the local area. It will be a school characterised first and foremost by our faith and strength of our Catholic community. We will be recognised for having an exceptional curriculum that provides pupils with powerful academic knowledge and the character development they need to really 'Live life to the full'.

We strive to create a community that is united through Our determination to overcome the barriers to learning that our young people face; we aim to do this by living our life based on Gospel values. Our school is fully inclusive and we have high aspirations for all supporting every pupil to achieve success.

We believe that every individual is unique and was created in the eyes of God. We hope that by providing each pupil with a high-quality educational experience,

which draws its distinctive character from the life and teachings of Jesus, the principles of the Gospel and Catholic tradition, that we can provide them with the support and encouragement they need to grow into the best versions of themselves.

The aim is born from our mission statement,

'I have come in order that they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Our school values of Love, Inspiration, Empowerment and Joy are lived out in all we do.
John 10:10

This job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.



"The tangible sense of community among the staff illustrates the rapid growth in confidence that the overwhelming majority have in the direction that the school is moving." CSI, 2023



The Role

This is an exciting position for a candidate who has a passion to transform lives and change society through education. A key role within our mission to ensure we are inclusive and ensure all pupils can flourish and succeed at St Edmund Arrowsmith. We are looking to welcome a colleague who can support pupils who have educational needs within the academy. This may be directly working with pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan or supporting pupils who need additional support to access specific areas of the curriculum offer.

Our purpose is to be “School of Choice for the Community” enabling our pupils to ‘live life in all its fullness’.

Job Purpose

- To provide individual and group support for our pupils within Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy
- To support pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and support pupils in ensuring that the statutory provisions and outcomes are met
- To support the Assistant Headteacher/SENCO with bespoke interventions as detailed in a pupils EHCP
- To support the planning and resourcing of the SEND provision within Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy
- To support teaching staff with the preparation and adaptations needed to resources for pupils within the classroom
- To support the delivery of the curriculum within the classroom for pupils who require additional support in accessing their learning
- To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides students with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential, regardless of their SEND needs.
- To support educational needs of all students regardless of ability or SEND through delivering 1:1 or group support and interventions when required.
- To support the Assistant Headteacher/SENCO in the further improvements with SEND provision at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy
- To support the Academy's Catholic ethos and share its commitment to provide and monitor opportunities for personal, spiritual and academic growth.



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Post Title: Teaching Assistant

Pay Scale: NJC Grade D, SCP 5-6 (actual £19,113.37 - £19,416.70)

Contract: 31 hours per week (Term Time plus 1 week)

Start Date: As soon as possible

CORE DUTIES

- Supervising and providing support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning
- Attending to the pupils' personal needs, and implementing related personal programmes, including social, health, physical, hygiene which may include intimate care, first aid and welfare matters
- To work alongside individual/groups of pupils in activities specified by the SENCO/class teacher, establishing good relationships and acting as a role model
- To develop and maintain effective relationships with parent/carers and families and provide effective communication when required with regards to progress and achievement
- To attend parent/carer meetings when required to provide feedback and updates on pupil's progress.
- To encourage inclusion and acceptance within the classroom and ensure that all pupils identified as needing support have access to the curriculum offer
- To support in pastoral elements of the role and provide guidance and support for pupils
- To support teaching staff in understanding the needs of pupils and being an advocate for pupil voice
- To support teaching staff in understanding the content of professional advices (EHCP/Educational Psychologist) and implement any support needed in the classroom
- To encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- To ensure that pupils uphold the rules of the school and are provided with opportunities to reflect and improve their behaviour
- To deliver interventions that pupils are identified as requiring to support their access to the curriculum
- To assist in the supervision of pupils on outings or visits

Whilst every effort has been made to outline the key duties and responsibilities of the role, it is not an exclusive list. The duties and responsibilities of the role may vary from time to time, commensurate with and without changing the general character or the level of responsibility entailed and would not in itself justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

If you have any feedback on the application process and how we can make it more accessible, please let us know via info@pfcmat.org.



SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

- To receive instruction from teachers regarding the daily / weekly programme of activities and events within the classroom
- To support the teacher in meeting the provisions and outcomes set out in pupils EHCPs review these on a regular basis
- To set out, prepare, use, tidy and clean equipment after use. Assist in the general preparation and tidying of the classroom
- To support the teacher with the preparation and delivery of lessons and sessions
- To be aware of pupils' needs / progress / achievements and work with the teacher staff to implement any changes needed to the curriculum for individual pupils
- To advocate for pupils and provide them with a voice in order to work with the teaching staff in establishing the support mechanisms needed in the classroom
- Provide administrative and clerical support e.g., record keeping, photocopying and filing
- Provide support in the marking of work in line with the academy's Feedback and Marking Policy
- To assist in the display of pupils' work to reflect their achievement
- To assist with tasks within the academy's assessment procedures
- To work within an established discipline policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self-control and independence.
- To support teaching staff with managing behaviour and reporting this in line with the academy's Behaviour Policy

SUPPORT THE CURRICULUM

- To prepare and assist specific activities, supporting pupils to understand instructions in respect of any learning strategies
- To support pupils in using basic ICT as directed
- To set out and prepare equipment.
- To support cover lessons and provide the cover teacher within the classroom

SUPPORT THE ACADEMY

- To support in the welcoming of pupils each day and creating a supportive and nurturing environment
- To attend appropriate staff meetings as required
- To attend any Continuous Professional Development (CPD) that is required. This could be through inset or twilight sessions as directed by the leadership team
- To attend professionals' meetings when requested and provide information to the DSL/DDSL when required
- To attend relevant professional development, in order to update knowledge that is directed by the Assistant Headteacher/SENCO
- To attend events such as Open Evenings when required and directed by the leadership team
- To be aware of all Health and Safety issues and report any known problems in a timely manner
- To report any accidents using the correct procedures within the academy
- To treat all information relating to a child as strictly confidential and to refer all enquiries, other than from professionals, to the Headteacher
- To assist with the general supervision of children when required (break times/external visits etc.)
- To be a proactive member of the academy
- To promote the policies and ethos of the academy
- To invigilate in examinations
- To support cover teachers within cover lessons

GENERAL

- The Learning Support Assistant may be called upon to perform other duties that the Headteacher considers reasonable, that are commensurate with the grading and designation of the post



Applicants must meet all of the essential requirements for this post.

Knowledge, Qualifications and Experience	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)
Good level of English and Mathematics to GCSE level or equivalent	E
Higher Level Teaching Assistant Qualification or QTS	E
Experience of working with SEND pupils within an educational setting	E
To have experience of supporting pupils with Autism and other additional needs	E
Evidence of appropriate professional development (CPD) within SEND	E
Evidence of working with specialised teaching approaches to support pupils with SEND	E
Evidence of implementing multi-agency support plans within the classroom and the wider school to support pupil's development	E
Evidence of delivering interventions in 1:1 or group situations to support pupil's development	E
Evidence of preparing and delivering lessons to groups of pupils or on a 1:1 basis	E
Evidence of developing positive relationships with staff from across a setting to best support pupils' individual development	E
Flexible in their ability to work across the school to best meet the needs of pupils as and when it is needed	E
Evidence of working with challenging behaviour and supporting pupils with their self-regulation	E
Evidence of developing positive relationships with families and providing timely communication about pupils	E
Evidence of positive behaviour support training	D
To have worked in more than one specialist setting and with a range of additional needs	D

Person Specification



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Skills and Abilities	Essential (E) Or Desirable (D)
Ability to enthuse and effectively communicate with pupils	E
To be able to communicate with pupils in a way that meets their individual needs, including the use of visuals and potentially working with pupils who are non-verbal	E
A commitment to supporting pupils in a comprehensive school where they are all valued regardless of their abilities and individual needs	E
The ability to deliver interventions within the daily classroom routine to support pupils with their individual needs	E
A demonstrable commitment to equality of opportunity	E
Appropriate ICT skills including those directly related to transference of subject knowledge in a classroom context	E
Committed to maintaining the high standards across the academy	E
To be adaptable to the changing needs of pupils throughout the school day	E
A team player	E
The ability to take direction from teachers as and when is needed to best support the pupils	E
To be resilient and to be able to support pupils no matter their needs	E
To be confident in implementing new ideas that best support the pupils	E
Ability to develop and maintain good professional relationships with students, staff and parents	E
A strong commitment to one's own professional development	E
A willingness to become involved in wider School initiatives and activities	E
Punctual	E
Good attendance within current role	E

What Can We Offer You?



Proud to be part of
Pope Francis
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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in a role at a Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust school.

We were the first of the permanent Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs) set up by the Archdiocese of Liverpool with three secondary schools, and four primary schools, across Bootle and Knowsley.

The Trust aims to provide the very best Catholic education for the young people in our schools. We are enabling schools, aspiration and faith to flourish by: 'Uplifting Hearts, Inspiring Minds'. Being part of a Trust is like **a family of schools at which you are always welcome**, and which help each other to provide better opportunities for all staff, pupils and our local communities.

What We Offer For All Staff

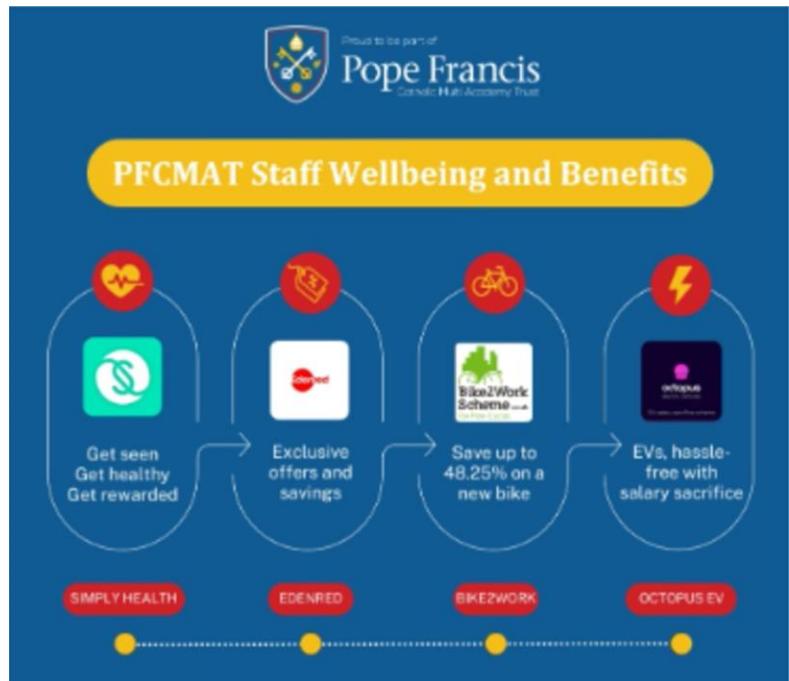
We recognise that **employee wellbeing and work-life balance are essential** to thriving in the workplace. The Trust places a high value on providing a range of benefits for all colleagues, beyond the essentials of receiving professional recognition, networking and CPD, commensurate financial reward and job satisfaction.

Please take a look at our website and social media channels to get a real sense of the support that we provide to all our employees, including our full staff benefits package: www.pfcmat.org/Staff-Benefits- Package/

All our schools will be delighted to have informal conversations with potential candidates before the closing date. We look forward to receiving your application.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew Dawson'.

Andrew Dawson, CEO



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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in this position. Saint Edmund Arrowsmith is on a rapid journey of school improvement. I am keen to appoint staff who want to work with young people to change lives and shape society.

As Acting Headteacher, I want our pupils to be known, valued and loved. My vision is that we will become the number one school of choice in the local community, underpinned by our faith. **Our exceptional curriculum will provide pupils with powerful academic knowledge and character development**, so they are prepared for their next steps, able to 'Live life to the full'.

Teaching will be consistently excellent in every classroom and our teachers will be supported to continuously improve their pedagogy through evidence-based research, so they have the most impact on our pupils. Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy will be an over-subscribed school that pupils enjoy attending. We will have positive relationships with our parents, as we share the responsibility of educating their children, recognising that they are the primary educators.

Our pupils will understand what it means to live a life of faith and will be courageous in championing the common good both in school and the wider community. They will live out our values of Love, Inspiration, Empowerment and joy daily with both energy and passion. **We set high aspirations for ourselves and our pupils and expect exemplary behaviour from all.** Our school will be calm, orderly, welcoming and our pupils will be polite. There will be a strong culture of pastoral care and pupils will be encouraged to be the best versions of themselves.

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy will be a school where pupils not only achieve well, but one in which they are opportunities for all that extend beyond the curriculum. Our extended curriculum will develop the whole person so that they become socially responsible adults able to cope with all that life throws at them.

Finally, our school will be an inclusive one, welcoming children of all abilities and backgrounds. Where children with SEND and those from disadvantaged background are supported to reach their full potential. A school where our entire community (pupils, staff, parents, and carers) flourish. **If you wish to join me on our journey, I welcome your application.**

Mrs C. McKenna
Acting Headteacher
Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy

Application Process



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How to apply

To apply for this post, please use our website 'Vacancies' page to find each document to be completed and submitted alongside your cover letter.

This will include:

- ★ CES Application Form
- ★ CES Consent to Obtain References CES
- ★ Monitoring Form
- ★ Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 Disclosure Form
- ★ Covering letter stating how your skills and experience meet the job description and person specification.

Closing Date: Monday 23rd February 2026, 12noon

Interviews: wc/ 2nd March 2026

Completed applications should be clearly marked with the post title and returned electronically to our Office Manager, Miss L Worthington at jobs@seaca.pfcmat.org.

We reserve the right to make an appointment before the closing date. Candidates are therefore encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Pope Francis CMAT and Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy are committed to safeguarding children and young people, and we can expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Please see our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy here:
stedmundarrowsmithcatholicacademy.org/Policies/

This post is subject to satisfactory references which will be requested prior to interview, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, medical check, evidence of qualifications plus verification of the right to work in the UK.