

September 2024

Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in joining us at Myton School.

I am delighted that you have requested further information about this vacancy and hope that you will be sufficiently inspired to submit an application.

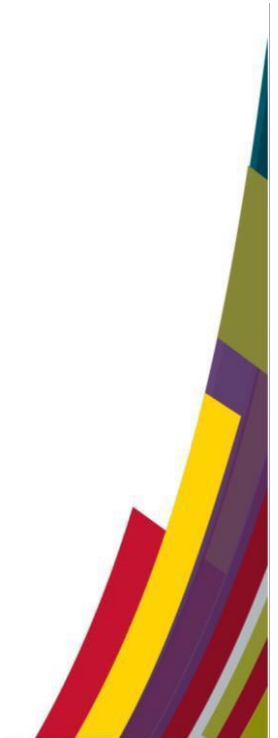
We warmly welcome informal enquiries to the Head of Department, or via our HR Team. Our Deputy Heads, Liz Curtis and Neil Phipps, would also be very happy to talk to you about the culture and ethos at Myton and our plans and aspirations for the future.

We are immensely proud of our school and our place in the local community and can assure you of a warm welcome if you do come to join our staff in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Andy Perry
Head Teacher



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Learning Inclusion Nurture Centre (LINC) Team Leader

Closing date: 9.00am, Monday 23 September 2024

The following guidance is to help you to provide the necessary information we need to give your application appropriate consideration and also give you an insight into how your application will be handled.

Covering Letter

Please attach a covering letter to explain the reason for your application and outlining your suitability for the role. This will assist those who are short-listing the applications and enable them to assess quite quickly how closely your application meets the criteria for the post (i.e. the person specification).

Application Form

A Myton School Application Form must be completed for you to be considered for the role. Please complete the online application form which you can access from [Vacancies at Myton - Myton School](#). Alternatively, you can request an application in Word format, or paper copy by emailing vacancies@myton.co.uk and making this request. You can include a CV as additional information if you wish. If you need to include more information on any section, please attach a continuation sheet to your application form.

Please note that, if your application for employment is unsuccessful, Myton School will hold your data for 6 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. For further information on this, please refer to our [Privacy Notice - Myton School](#)

Employment History

Please provide a FULL history of your current and previous employment and record any gaps in employment with details of your activities during these periods.

Returning Your Application

Completed applications and any supporting information should be received by the advertised closing date. NB: This is usually by 9.00am unless stated otherwise.

Online applications via the school website (www.mytonschool.co.uk) are preferred and should be submitted by the closing date.

- **E-mailed applications** should be sent to vacancies@myton.co.uk
- **Postal applications** please address as **“Job Application for the post of ...”** to identify it more easily from the general post. *Please ensure correct postage (e.g. Large Letter) is used as Royal Mail will withhold all insufficiently stamped mail until a fee is paid by the school which could mean missing the closing date.*

References

Please contact your referees in advance and give them permission to provide a reference to us should we need to do so to abide by current Data Protection regulations.

Please provide details of two appropriate referees including your most recent employer and, if applicable, a reference from any previous educational employment you have had. We do not normally accept references from relatives, friends, work colleagues etc. or open references i.e. not written in relation to the specific post for which you are applying.

If your application is short-listed, references will be taken up before interview. This is to enable the panel to be aware of any information they may need to discuss with you at interview. If you don't want your referees to be contacted before interview, if your application is short-listed, please indicate this clearly on the application form.

Criminal Record Declaration

The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore convictions, cautions, bind-overs, and warnings, including those otherwise regarded as “spent”, must be declared. However, certain convictions and cautions are considered ‘protected’ meaning they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>.

Should you have any record to declare, please provide details on the Declaration form and bring this with you if you are invited to interview in an envelope marked *Confidential FAO HR Manager*.

Short-listing

Short-listing normally takes place immediately after the closing date. The information you provide on the application form will be scrutinised and assessed against the criteria in the person specification, and the stated job requirements. This process will be carried out by more than one person to ensure objectivity. An online search of all shortlisted candidates will be performed prior to interview.

Contacting You

We do endeavour to contact all applicants regarding the outcome of their application as a matter of courtesy. You should expect to receive a communication from us within two weeks of the closing date, although on occasions it may take longer than this (for example, if we need to involve a number of people in the short-listing process or over school holiday periods).

Attending Interview

If you are invited for interview, you will be asked to bring certain documents with you including proof of identity (preferably photo-ID), a DBS Disclosure if you have one and any relevant qualifications. We may also conduct remote interviews via a video link where appropriate.

Enquiries

If you have any queries regarding your application or the information sent to you, or to confirm that your application has been received, please contact vacancies@myton.co.uk or 01926 493805 ext 225. Please use email only during school holiday periods.

Thank you for your interest, we look forward to receiving your application by the closing date.

Lisa Taylor
HR Manager

Departmental Information **The LINK (SEND Department)**

The SEND provision at Myton School is led by Ms Shabana Akram (Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo). The LINK Department is privileged to have a strong admin team comprising of an Assistant SENDCo & Specialist Assessor, a SEND Office Manager and a SEND Assistant. We are therefore a strong team of Teachers, Support Staff and Teaching Assistants, who are focused on assisting and ensuring additional provision for students with varied, and sometimes multiple learning barriers are appropriately supported throughout their time at Myton School.

The LINK Department works closely in partnership with wider school teams, including Heads of Department, Pastoral, Safeguarding, Student Welfare Staff, Attendance, Mental Health Leads as well as many external and specialist professionals.

Facilities and Resources

The LINK is our purpose built SEND provision, which has two large classrooms where group interventions are delivered, and a separate learning space dedicated to offering supported studies. Students have access to a Calm Room and there are several dedicated Meeting Rooms where external and specialist professionals can meet with students on a 1:1 basis for more bespoke interventional support.

We are continually developing our combined resources and accelerated progress provision to cater for all educational, social and health care needs of our most vulnerable students.

Support and interventions are identified and implemented in partnership with teachers, Heads of Department, Pastoral Teams and parents. Communication plays a vital role in ensuring students are well supported at Myton School.

Some of the interventions we offer include:

- Literacy Programmes of Learning (Fresh Start, NESSY, small group English Tuition)
- Numeracy Catch-Up (including small group Maths Tuition)
- Emotional Coaching/CBT Support
- Differentiated Materials
- Bespoke Revision Sessions led by our Specialist Assessor
- Handwriting and Touch-Typing Programmes of Learning
- Access Arrangements for formal examinations

Our Vision

We are committed to inclusive practice and pride ourselves on supporting the most vulnerable learners, ensuring no child is left behind. We aim to provide an appropriate and high-quality level of support and to serving students living in our local area. The LINK Department shares the common belief that all students, including those identified as having special educational needs, disabilities, anxiety, learning barriers and multiple and complex needs, have the right to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum, which is accessible to them, and to be fully included in all aspects of school life. We are forward thinking and student focused, believing all students should be equally valued in school. With this in mind, we strive to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, and to develop an environment where all students flourish and are involved in all aspects of school life, including extra-curricular activities. We strive to create a sense of belonging, of community, where independence is valued and where students feel safe and are ready to learn.

Why Join Us?

We have an incredible team of people who provide our students with inspiring support, fully equipping them for their future pathways. A Team who are approachable, flexible, aspirational and student focused. We proudly offer regular training and professional development opportunities, remaining aspirational for all those who work within the LINK Department.

If you share our ethos and values and are committed to being part of a team who is focused on offering first class support to every student, we look forward to hearing from you.

Person Specification

Linc Team Leader

Knowledge and Experience

	Essential	Desirable	How Assessed*
• Proven experience as a team leader or supervisor		D	A
• Proven experience of performance management.		D	I
• Experience of identifying staff training needs and implementing training plans.		D	I
• Experience of working with young people for a sustained period within Secondary education		D	A
• A good understanding of effective ways to support SEN and disabled students and a willingness to learn through training	E		I
• Awareness of the responsibilities for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of young people	E		I
• Knowledge of how to respond effectively to the needs of SEND students and daily changes to routine	E		I
• In-depth knowledge of the SEND Register	E		I
• Knowledge of literacy and numeracy interventions	E		I
• NVQ Level 3 (or equivalent)		D	A
• An understanding of the factors behind SEMH needs in students		D	I

Skills and Abilities

• Able to communicate appropriately with and relate effectively to direct reports, students and teaching staff	E		I/A
• Ability to prioritise	E		I/A
• Ability to delegate	E		I/A
• A solution focus creative approach to problem solving	E		I
• Ability to assess students' development	E		I
• Ability to plan and deliver intervention groups to promote positive outcomes	E		I
• Able to use initiative to deal with situations student and direct reports	E		I
• Able to promote and manage individual and group positive behaviour	E		I
• Able to react confidently and positively to a variety of situations	E		I
• Time management skills	E		I
• Good PC skills, especially MS Excel.		D	I/A

Personal Attributes

• Suitable to work with children and safeguard their welfare	E		I
• Lead by example a positive working environment through engagement, rewards and constructive feedback.	E		A/I

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- Passionate about helping children with SEN and Disabilities E A/I
- Confident, enthusiastic and self-motivated E A/I
- Patient and understanding of the needs of others E A/I
- A flexible approach to daily work schedules and willingness to show flexibility in the role E A/I
- A positive approach to personal development and training E I
- Willingness to assist with student supervision on trips or visits - local, national and international D I
- Commitment to developing learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom E I

LINC Team Leader

Post Title: LINC Team Leader within the SEND Department
Reporting to: SENDCo & Assistant Head Teacher

1. Job Summary / Scope / Purpose

- Supervise a team of Teaching Assistants;
- Support primarily for students with any of the four categories of learning needs;
- The principle responsibility of the role is to provide specific one-to-one & group support to students with learning barriers that require more specialist intervention (all curriculum subject areas);
- The general responsibility is, under the teacher's and SENDCo's guidance, to support the educational, personal, and social development of students with special needs, literacy, numeracy, temporary or permanent disabilities, access or mobility needs, and establish positive relations with students;
- Support the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo to uphold the aims and ethos of Myton School;
- Establish positive working relationships with students and parents/carers to support student progress and attainment.

2. Key Responsibilities - LINC Team Leader

- Create an inspiring team environment with a focus on open communication;
- Work with the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo to set clear team goals, which are focused on student outcomes;
- Delegate tasks and set deadlines, which reflect the SEND Department's priorities;
- Oversee day-to-day operations of timetabling and student support;
- Monitor team performance and report on impact;
- Motivate team members;
- Identify training needs and liaise with the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo to devise a training schedule where appropriate;
- Listen to team members' feedback and resolve any issues or conflicts;
- Recognise high performance and reward accomplishments;
- Suggest and organise team building activities in partnership with the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo to promote a culture of creativity and positive attitudes.

Support for General SEN & Disability Learning Needs

- Provide support for individual students inside and outside the classroom to enable them to fully participate in activities;

- Assist in the educational, social and emotional development of students under the direction and guidance of the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo, and class teachers;
- Implement structured learning activities and assist individual/groups of students to complete tasks;
- Plan, deliver and assess individual/small group work with students in the classroom and within the SEND Department;
- Develop positive relationships with students and staff to assist student progress and attainment;
- Assist in devising students' individual targets and their monitoring and review;
- Be assigned as a keyworker for monitoring the progress of identified students with learning needs and take a lead role in creating and updating Pupil Passports;
- Assist in the development of varying skills that support students learning;
- Provide support for individual students inside and outside the classroom to enable them to fully participate in activities.

3. General Responsibilities

4.1 Support for the Teacher

- Assist in the monitoring/recording of students' progress, problems and development needs;
- Assist in the production of teaching aids / toolbox aids for students;
- Assist in student supervision within the classroom;
- Undertake classroom administrative tasks including class lists, student records and timetables;
- Provide information to the class teacher to assist in the planning of work programmes;
- Liaise with the Student Welfare Manager in respect of student absence;
- Assist with arrangements for learning outside of the classroom;
- Monitoring the impact of SEND interventions;
- Administer routine tests and assist as a scribe/reader in the invigilation of exams.

4.2 Support for the School

- Assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place;
- Support the promotion of positive relationships with parents/carers and outside agencies;
- Work within school policies and procedures;
- Be aware of the confidential nature of issues relating to home/student/teacher/schoolwork;
- Be proactive in matters relating to health and safety;
- Attend staff meetings and training as required.

4.3 Support for the Curriculum

- Assist in the delivery of appropriate programmes of work;
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities;

Any other duties commensurate with the grade of the post at the discretion or direction of the Head Teacher, Deputy Head and Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo.

4.4 The LINC Team Leader needs to:

- Avoid creating a dependency culture where students rely on you to complete work;
- Listen and understand the concerns of colleagues;
- Know about the SEND students/more able students within school;
- Be constructive and encouraging;
- Be flexible in negotiation;
- Work in partnership with the wider school community to identify students for interventions;
- Use observational skills to determine what help maybe required by students;
- Read Pupil Passports, Provision Mapping notes, EHCPs and know what targets the subject teacher has set, as you have a role to play in helping the students attain these targets;
- Talk and review your role with the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo to check that the support is effective and student focused;
- Use postcards, positive phone calls home and rewards whenever possible.

4.5 Ways of working in the classroom.

The SEND students remain the responsibility of the class teacher however there needs to be communication to make the most of this support. The partnership needs to take into account the subject expertise of the Learning Support Assistant and the supporting adult should always be given copies of content/materials in advance.

- The LINC Team Leader works with individual/ small group or takes the class while you work with a small group;
- Define the nature of help to targeted students e.g. check comprehension, keep on task, or give rapid feedback and praise, remind them of task, suggest ways of tackling a problem;
- With individuals or groups, break tasks into manageable chunks, differentiate, explain or clarify, introduce new activities, highlight new concepts and relate them to old, encourage reflection by effective questioning for deeper learning.

5. Responsibility for Staff

- Manage a team of Teaching Assistants.

6. Level of Supervision

- The post holder will receive direction and supervision from the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo, and from class teachers.

7. Summary of main terms and conditions

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the Contract of Employment for Support Staff.

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| Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LINC Team Leader (Grade D; scale points 12-15). |
| Salary range | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full-time equivalent salary is £26,421 - £27,803 per annum (pro-rata). |

- Starting salary

 - The actual salary, based on the hours per week and working weeks plus holiday entitlement per annum, is within the range £21,000 - £22,099 per annum.
 - The starting salary will normally be at the minimum of the salary scale, unless incremental points are awarded for previous skills and experience. Thereafter, progression will be by annual increments, subject to satisfactory performance.
 - The actual salary will be calculated based on the hours per week, the working weeks per annum including a pro-rata holiday entitlement per annum.
 - Hours

 - The appointment is for 33.5 hours a week over 5 days per week.
 - Hours of work (start and finish times) will be as agreed with the Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo but are likely to be approximately 8.30am to 3.30pm (except for Mondays 4.30pm finish for staff meeting) including an unpaid lunchbreak of at least 20 minutes.
 - Due to the nature of the role some flexibility in working hours may be required (e.g. for attendance at meetings and extra-curricular activities).
 - Working Weeks

 - Term-time (38 weeks a year) plus an additional five Staff Training days a year (i.e. 39 weeks).
 - Probationary period

 - New appointments are subject to successful completion of a six month probationary period (or 1½ terms).
 - Supervision of students (Duties)

 - As part of your responsibilities, you may be included on the rota for lunchtime supervision and break-time duty as part of your contractual working hours.
 - Notice period

 - A minimum of one month in writing to end at the end of a calendar month (i.e. at least one complete calendar month).
- The job description outlines in general terms the main responsibilities of the role, which the post-holder will be expected to undertake. It does not list all the tasks and duties of the post-holder or specify the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed.
 - The responsibilities described may vary or be amended from time to time without changing the overall level of responsibility associated with the post.
 - The job description may be reviewed and amended from time to time by Myton School in consultation with the post-holder, to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job role.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Summary for Applicants

The terms and conditions of employment are stated in full in the contract of employment. A summary of the main terms and conditions is outlined below. Applicants can request details on any terms and conditions not specified below from the HR Department.

Working Hours

Your normal working week will be as specified in the job description. The standard working week for full-time employees is 37 hours a week. The job description will specify whether your post is for work during term-time only, whether you are required to work during school holidays and Training Days whether you are required to work regular or occasional additional hours or overtime.

Salary and increments

The salary is normally based on an incremental scale. Subject to satisfactory service and at least six months' service in the grade, an increment is payable on 1st April each year until the maximum of the grade is reached subject to satisfactory performance.

For term-time employees, the annual salary is calculated on the number of weeks worked plus statutory annual leave and a pro-rata holiday entitlement for additional holiday above the statutory minimum. This is paid in equal monthly instalments throughout the year or for the duration of the contract.

The salary in the first year of employment will reflect the working weeks remaining in that leave year and therefore may be different to salary paid thereafter. Further details will be outlined in any offer of employment.

Probation Period

This appointment is subject to a 1½ terms or six-month probationary period.

Notice Period

You are required to give one month's notice in writing to terminate your employment.

Annual Leave

23 days' annual leave entitlement plus 12 Bank/Additional Holidays, rising to 26 days after 5 years' service (salary calculations for leave will be on a pro-rata basis for part-time staff, except for the statutory minimum entitlement).

Pre-employment checks

ID Checks: We will need to see original documentation that verifies your name, any change of name, date of birth, current address and photo ID. This will normally always include a birth or adoption certificate and a passport (if the applicant holds a passport).

Criminal Record: All employment within a school requires an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (previously the Criminal Records Bureau). It is therefore essential that you are willing to complete a Disclosure application if offered the post. The Disclosure will include details of any cautions, reprimands or final warnings, as well as convictions, including otherwise "spent" convictions and other relevant information, such as police enquiries and pending prosecutions. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/criminal-record-checks-apply-role>.

Eligibility to Work in the UK: Under the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 it is a criminal offence to employ anyone who is not entitled to live and work in the UK. The successful applicant is therefore required to produce one or more documents as specified in the Home Office list of approved documents as proof of his/her eligibility to work in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/right-to-work-checklist>

Qualification: The successful candidate will also be asked to produce original certificates for any qualifications they hold which are relevant to the post to which they are appointed.

Health: The successful candidate will be required to complete a confidential medical questionnaire which will be assessed by our Occupational Health provider to ensure that s/he is able to meet the requirements of the role. In some circumstances a medical examination by a registered medical officer may be required.

Pension provisions

If you are over 16 you will automatically join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) unless your employment is on a casual basis. If you have made, or wish to make, alternative pension arrangements (e.g. the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme or a personal pension from an independent provider) you must apply to 'opt out' of the Local Government Scheme.

Continuous service

Myton School is an Academy Trust and therefore an employee's continuous service starts from the date s/he joins Myton School. The exception would be in the event of a redundancy where the academy recognises the effect of the redundancy payments (continuity of employment in local government, etc.) (modification) order 1999.

SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR NEW STAFF

Staff Welfare

Promoting staff wellbeing is considered highly important at Myton; the school has a very proactive Wellbeing group that is involved in ensuring the welfare of staff through activities such as Well Being events, providing “breads and spreads” in the Staff Room, offering Flu- vaccinations on site and liaising with the senior leadership team on matters such as the school calendar to ensure workload is managed.

There is also a team of trained staff listeners, who can be available at a mutually convenient time, to have non-judgmental and supportive conversations on a one to one basis to support colleagues.

We also subscribe to Westfield Health, providing staff with free information, support and advice, including telephone or face to face counselling.

Mentors and Buddies

All new staff will be ‘buddied’ with a friendly face in school. This person will be a carefully selected volunteer who will have your interests at heart. They will be a point of contact within your department or area in school and will be able to take you through some of the school systems and procedures on a one-to-one basis. They will also ensure that you are able to access the right training and people to ensure your induction is completed.

Early Career Teachers (ECTs)

You will have access to professional dedicated support throughout your first two years of teaching through the ECF. The school and our approving body (Warwickshire LA) have drawn up a detailed policy outlining your entitlement and have ensured that procedures exist at all levels to provide appropriate and effective support where and when needed.

ECTs will have an ECT Mentor to guide them through the programme of professional development through the two years and department buddies and subject specialists will provide subject support in their areas of specialism. Our Induction Tutor will also work closely with your Subject Mentor to ensure you are receiving the support you require.

They will discuss your training needs with you regularly with dedicated weekly support with regular drop- in/surgery slots for discussion and support with aspects of teaching and learning, for example marking and feedback. Additional peer support sessions in school will aim to provide additional guidance/support to complete your weekly training activities as part of the ECF as you progress through the ECT programme. You will receive regular feedback through observations of your classroom teaching and learning walks to facilitate development of your pedagogy and professional practices, both through department and mentor guidance. As part of the assessment process, required by the Warwickshire LA, a statutory online report to the Local Authority is managed by the work of the Induction Tutor at the end of each term.

Training, support and assessment

Your Induction training will include the important basics including Safeguarding and Child Protection, Health and Safety, Data Protection and if appropriate, relevant software. In addition, there is a comprehensive annual programme of Twilight training sessions and all staff are invited to participate in any whole school training activities that they feel are appropriate to their needs.

All staff participate in an annual review process which provides an opportunity for an in-depth discussion with the line manager to agree work objectives and areas for future support as well as appropriate training and development.

The school is committed to providing the best possible professional support for **all newly appointed colleagues** Including regular monitoring, feedback and support.