

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Mainstream Teacher – Hungerford School
LOCATION:	The Hungerford School
SALARY SCALE/GRADE:	Teachers Pay Scale plus TLR 2c for the right candidate
REPORTS TO:	Headteacher
RESPONSIBLE FOR: (INCLUDE PEOPLE AND RESOURCES)	Teachers, TAs and other relevant staff within the School, pupils and parents and external stakeholders

Purpose of the post

This job description should be read alongside the range of duties of teachers set out in the annual School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document.

Members of staff should at all times work within the framework provided by the school’s policy statements to fulfil the general aims and objectives of the school’s Education Development Plan.

Main responsibilities

Relationships with children and young people

- Have high expectations of children and young people including a commitment to ensuring that they can achieve their full educational potential and to establishing fair, respectful, trusting, supportive and constructive relationships with them.
- Hold positive values and attitudes and adopt high standards of behaviour in their professional role.

Frameworks

- Maintain an up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the professional duties of teachers and the statutory framework within which they work, and contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the policies and practice of their workplace, including those designed to promote equality of opportunity.

Communicating and working with others

- Communicate effectively with children, young people and colleagues.
- Recognise that communication is a two-way process and encourage parents and carers to participate in discussions about the progress, development and well-being of children and young people.
- Recognise and respect the contributions that colleagues, parents and carers can make to the development and well-being of children and young people, and raising their levels of attainment.
- Have a commitment to collaboration and co-operative working where appropriate
- Communicate effectively with parents and carers, conveying timely and relevant information about attainment, objectives, progress and well-being.

Personal and professional development

- Evaluate their performance and be committed to improving their practice through appropriate professional development.
- Have a creative and constructively critical approach towards innovation; being prepared to adapt their practice where benefits and improvements are identified.
- Act upon advice and feedback and be open to coaching and mentoring.

Professional knowledge and understanding

Teaching and learning

- Have a good, up-to-date working knowledge and understanding of a range of teaching, learning and behaviour management strategies and know how to use and adapt them, including how to personalise learning to provide opportunities for all learners to achieve their potential.

Assessment and monitoring

- Know the assessment requirements specific to the school as well as National Tests.
- Know a range of approaches to assessment, including the importance of formative assessment.
- Know how to use local and national statistical information to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching, to monitor the progress of those they teach and to raise levels of attainment.
- Know how to use reports and other sources of external information related to assessment in order to provide learners with accurate and constructive feedback on their strengths, weaknesses, attainment, progress and areas for development, including action plans for improvement.

Subjects and curriculum

- Have a secure knowledge and understanding of the curriculum areas and related pedagogy.
- Know and understand the relevant statutory and non-statutory curricula and frameworks

Literacy, numeracy and ICT

- Know how to use skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT to support their teaching and wider professional activities.

Achievement and Diversity

- Understand how children and young people develop and how the progress, rate of development and well-being of learners are affected by a range of developmental, social, religious, ethnic, cultural and linguistic influences.
- Know how to make effective personalised provision for those they teach, including those for whom English is an additional language or who have special educational needs or disabilities, and how to take practical account of diversity and promote equality and inclusion in their teaching.
- Understand the roles of colleagues with specific expertise
- Know when to draw on the expertise of colleagues.

Health and well-being

- Know the current legal requirements, national policies and guidance on the safeguarding and promotion of the well-being of children and young people.
- Know the local arrangements concerning the safeguarding of children and young people.
- Know how to identify potential child abuse or neglect and follow safeguarding procedures.

- Know how to identify and support children and young people whose progress, development or well-being is affected by changes or difficulties in their personal circumstances, and when to refer them to colleagues for specialist support.

Professional skills

Planning

- Plan for progression across the age and ability range they teach, designing effective learning sequences within lessons and across series of lessons informed by secure subject/curriculum knowledge.
- Design opportunities for learners to develop their literacy, numeracy, ICT and thinking and learning skills appropriate within their phase and context.
- Plan, set, assess homework, and other out-of-class assignments where appropriate, to sustain learners' progress and to extend and consolidate their learning.

Teaching

Teach challenging, well-organised lessons and sequences of lessons across the age and ability range in which you:

- Use an appropriate range of teaching strategies and resources, including e-learning, which meet learners' needs and take practical account of diversity and promote equality and inclusion
- Build on the prior knowledge and attainment of those they teach in order that learners meet learning objectives and make sustained progress
- Develop concepts and processes which enable learners to apply new knowledge, understanding and skills
- Adapt their language to suit the learners they teach, introducing new ideas and concepts clearly, and using explanations, questions, discussions and plenaries effectively
- Manage the learning of individuals, groups and whole classes effectively, modifying their teaching appropriately to suit the stage of the lesson and the needs of the learners.
- Teach engaging and motivating lessons informed by well-grounded expectations of learners and designed to raise levels of attainment.

Assessing, monitoring and giving feedback

- Make effective use of an appropriate range of observation, assessment, monitoring and recording strategies as a basis for setting challenging learning objectives and monitoring learners' progress and levels of attainment.
- Provide learners, colleagues, parents and carers with timely, accurate and constructive feedback on learners' attainment, progress and areas for development.
- Support and guide learners so that they can reflect on their learning, identify the progress they have made, set positive targets for improvement and become successful independent learners.
- Use assessment as part of their teaching to diagnose learners' needs, set realistic and challenging targets for improvement and plan future teaching.

Reviewing teaching and learning

- Review the effectiveness of their teaching and its impact on learners' progress, attainment and well-being, refining their approaches where necessary.
- Review the impact of the feedback provided to learners and guide learners on how to improve their attainment.

Learning environment

- Establish a purposeful and safe learning environment which complies with current legal requirements, national policies and guidance on the safeguarding and well-being of children and young people so that learners feel secure and sufficiently confident to make an active contribution to learning and to the school. Follow the school's safeguarding policy and procedures
- Identify and use opportunities to personalise and extend learning through out-of-school contexts where possible making links between in-school learning and learning in out-of-school contexts.
- Manage learners' behaviour constructively by establishing and maintaining a clear and positive framework, in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- Use a range of techniques and strategies to promote the behaviour, adapting them as necessary to promote the self-control and independence of learners.
- Promote learners' self-control, independence and cooperation through developing their social, emotional and behavioural skills.

Team Working and Collaboration

- Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues, managing their work where appropriate and sharing the development of effective practice with them.
- Ensure that colleagues working with them are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfil.

Personal responsibilities

- To carry out the duties and responsibilities of the post, in accordance with the school's Health and Safety Policy and relevant Health and Safety Guidance and Legislation.
- To take responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- To use information technology systems as required to carry out the duties of the post in the most efficient and effective manner. To undertake training and professional development as appropriate.
- To undertake other duties appropriate to the post that may reasonably be required from time to time.

Performance standards

- To ensure that all services within the areas of responsibility are provided in accordance with the school's Commitment to high quality service provision to the customer. At all times to carry out the responsibilities of the post with due regard to the school's Equal Opportunities policy.

The above-mentioned duties are neither exclusive nor exhaustive, duties and responsibilities of the post may change as requirements and circumstances change. The post holder will be required to carry out duties as requested by the headteacher that are broadly within the level of the post.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The person specification describes the skills, knowledge and experience required to carry out the job and will also be used in the shortlisting and interview processes.

Skills, Knowledge And Abilities

Essential

- Respect for the views of parents and a commitment to the importance of the involvement of parents in the learning process.
- External evidence of good interpersonal skills and the ability to work as member of a team and develop and maintain good relations with all members of the school community. To work co-operatively with the staff of the Local Education Authority and relevant agencies as required
- Evidence of the ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing with pupils, parents and colleagues.
- Evidence of good organisational skills to create and maintain a stimulating and attractive learning environment.
- Evidence of the ability to organise successfully the curriculum for a class of pupils of mixed abilities, aptitudes and educational needs through planning, preparation, monitoring and assessment.
- Evidence of knowledge and understanding of effective record keeping, and its use to promote the educational and personal development of all children within the school.
- Evidence of the ability to maintain effective classroom discipline in a positive context and to promote well-ordered and self-disciplined behaviour throughout the school.
- An understanding of the responsibility of the class teacher with regard to the health and safety of pupils in their care.
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.
- A commitment to providing a responsive and supportive service and a willingness to constantly seek ways of improving the service.
- A commitment to deliver services with the framework of the school's equal opportunities policy.

Desirable

- Evidence of a commitment to excellence and the maximising of academic and personal achievement for all pupils.
- Evidence of the ability to define effective measures for the performance of pupils and classes and to keep these measures under systematic review.

Education And Experience

Essential

- Qualified Teacher Status and evidence of appropriate subsequent in-service training.
- Successful teaching experience preferably across two phases (Foundation stage, KS1, KS2) and in a inner city multi-cultural school.
- An understanding of the different ways in which children learn and the appropriateness of a variety of teaching styles to meet the individual learning needs of each child.

Desirable

- Evidence of good general knowledge of the requirements of the National Curriculum/EYFS.

The following criteria will also be expected after the first year of teaching.

- Experience of leading and managing change at an appropriate level including the curriculum, classroom organisation and administration in a school.
- Proven experience of high standards of classroom practice and of teaching area of responsibility.
- Evidence of the personal and intellectual qualities required to set an example to others and to lead a team.
- A thorough knowledge of the Primary Curriculum