



South Tyneside Council

CHILDREN, ADULTS AND HEALTH

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: Head Teacher (The Beacon Centre - Alternative Education)

GRADE: L12 - L18

The appointment is subject to the current conditions of service for Head Teachers contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and other current education and employment legislation. In carrying out his/her duties the Head Teacher shall consult, where appropriate, the Management Committee, the Local Authority, the staff of the service and the parents of its pupils.

KEY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

The strategic direction and development of a school stems from the school's mission statement and School Improvement Plan. The Head Teacher works with the Management Committee to develop and communicate a vision and strategic view for the school in its service to the community. He or she analyses and plans for future needs and further development within local and national contexts.

MAIN TASKS

- 1.1 To work with the Management Committee, Local Authority, School Partnerships and related professionals to develop a strategic view for the alternative education provision.
- 1.2 To work with the Management Committee and staff, to determine, communicate and fulfil the mission statement.
- 1.3 To work with the Management Committee, in formulating the educational aims, objectives and targets of the school and policies for their implementation.
- 1.4 To ensure and agree the production of the School Improvement Plan.
- 1.5 To monitor and evaluate the performance of the school and its achievements, responding and reporting to the Management Committee as required.
- 1.6 To motivate staff and pupils through interest, encouragement and recognition of their unique value.
- 1.7 To implement the Management Committee's policies.
- 1.8 To participate, to such an extent as may be appropriate having regard to the Head Teacher's other duties, in the teaching of pupils at the school.
- 1.9 To ensure that the management, finances, organisation and administration of the school support its vision and aims and are appropriate to the school's present and likely future resources.

- 1.10 To arrange for a Deputy Head Teacher or other suitable person to assume responsibility for the discharge of the Head Teacher's functions at any time when absent from school.
- 1.11 To ensure that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place.
- 1.12 To quality assure the safeguarding of the provision with alternative providers.
- 1.13 To ensure that all pupils are assessed upon entry and that reintegration into mainstream education is effectively managed.
- 1.14 Fulfil the Local Authority's responsibilities with respect to children whose parents have opted to educate them at home.
- 1.15 Fulfil the Local Authority's responsibilities with respect to children receiving medical home tuition.

KEY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

2 TEACHING AND LEARNING

In schools the search for excellence is expressed in teaching and learning, which responds to the needs and aspirations of its pupils and acknowledges their individual worth. The Head Teacher works with the Management Committee to secure and sustain effective teaching and learning throughout the school. He or she monitors and evaluates the quality of teaching and standards of attainment, using relevant benchmarks and setting targets for improvement.

MAIN TASKS

- 2.1 To determine, organise and implement, in collaboration with other appropriate persons or bodies, a curriculum which:
 - (a) follows the curriculum policy of the Management Committee and meets statutory requirements;
 - (b) is relevant to the needs, experience, interests, aptitudes and stages of development of all pupils;
 - (c) ensures any locally agreed policy on Religious Education is fulfilled;
 - (d) fulfils the Head Teacher's statutory duties in relation to the curriculum including the National Curriculum;
 - (e) includes arrangements for the daily act of collective worship and the spiritual life of the school.
- 2.2 To develop means whereby:
 - (a) school policies on curriculum, assessment, recording and reporting inform effective teaching and learning;
 - (b) the arrangements for teaching and learning form a co-ordinated, coherent curriculum entitlement for all pupils;
 - (c) information on pupils' progress is used to improve teaching and learning, to inform and motivate pupils, to inform parents, to provide necessary references for other educational institutions and employers, and to aid Members in fulfilling their responsibilities for the school;
 - (d) there is continuity of learning and of progression for all pupils;
 - (e) challenging targets are set for pupils' attainment leading to whole school improvement.
- 2.3 To provide a curriculum for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils.
- 2.4 To ensure appropriate pastoral care and guidance for all in accordance with the mission statement.
- 2.5 To determine appropriate pupil groupings, which reflect the values of the mission statement.

- 2.6 To determine and publicise the means for promoting:
 - (a) pupils' self-discipline;
 - (b) respect for self, others and authority;
 - (c) good behaviour on and off school premises in accordance with school policy.
- 2.7 To handle pupil disciplinary cases, in accordance with school policy and relevant legislation.
- 2.8 To promote a school ethos, which extends opportunities for learning and encourages extra-curricular activities.

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3 LEADING AND MANAGING STAFF

The Head Teacher's leadership should motivate, support, challenge and develop staff.

MAIN TASKS

- 3.1 To assist the Management Committee in determining the staffing structure of the school.
- 3.2 To assist the Management Committee and participate in the key task of selecting and appointing teaching and non-teaching staff, having regard to Local Authority guidelines and advice.
- 3.3 To deploy and manage all school teaching and support staff by allocating particular duties, including such duties of the Head Teacher as may be properly delegated in a manner that is reasonable and consistent with their conditions of employment.
- 3.4 To ensure that cover is provided for absent Teachers and is shared as equitably as possible.
- 3.5 To promote and develop good management practice, positive staff participation, effective communication and clear procedures.
- 3.6 To supervise and participate in arrangements made in accordance with the regulations for the management of the performance of all staff in the school, including participating in the identification of areas in which he/she would benefit from further training and undergoing such training.
- 3.7 To implement staff development policies appropriate to the nature of the school in relation to:
 - (a) the induction of new and newly qualified Teachers and other staff;
 - (b) the development of professional knowledge, skills and abilities including those necessary for career development;
 - (c) the provision of professional advice, support and training;
 - (d) the provision of references where relevant to career progression.

KEY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

4 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF AND RESOURCES

The deployment of staff, finance, material resources, time and energy should promote the common good of the community in accordance with the school's mission statement. The Head Teacher deploys staff and other resources efficiently and effectively to meet specific objectives in line with the school's mission statement and with the strategic plans determined by the Management Committee.

MAIN TASKS

- 4.1 To implement the policies and procedures of the Management Committee concerning the resource and premises management of the school, in accordance with the mission statement, other guidance and any legal requirements.
- 4.2 To allocate, control and account for those financial and material resources of the school that are delegated to the Head Teacher.
- 4.3 To ensure the security, maintenance and cleanliness of the school and its surroundings in accordance with Management Committee responsibilities under health and safety and other relevant legislation.
- 4.4 To seek to provide an attractive environment that stimulates learning and enhances the appearance of the school.
- 4.5 To ensure that any external agencies and services contracted to the school work effectively.

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5 ACCOUNTABILITY

The Head Teacher should fulfil his or her responsibilities in accordance with the mission statement. The Head Teacher supports the Management Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities in accordance with national legislation. The Head Teacher accounts for the efficiency and effectiveness of the school to the Management Committee and the wider community of the school.

MAIN TASKS

- 5.1 Develop systematic and rigorous procedures for school self-evaluation and enable everyone to work collaboratively, share knowledge and understanding, celebrate success and accept responsibility for outcomes.
- 5.2 Take account of the outcomes of school self-evaluation and external evaluations to further improve the school.
- 5.3 In relation to the Management Committee:
 - (a) to advise and assist in the exercising of its functions;
 - (b) to attend meetings of the Management Committee (without prejudice to any rights the Head Teacher may have as a Governor of the school);
 - (c) to report to the Management Committee as required.
- 5.2 In relation to the community:
 - (a) to develop and maintain positive relationships with the local community;
 - (b) to ensure that the school recognises and meets its responsibilities to the life of the local community;
 - (c) to develop links with local employers for the benefit of the pupils and the school;
 - (d) to promote a positive image of the school in accordance with the mission statement.
- 5.3 In relation to parents and those with parental responsibility:
 - (a) to build an effective partnership between parents and the school, recognising them as the first educators of their children;
 - (b) to promote understanding of the mission, aims and ethos of the school by providing regular information to parents about:
 - the school curriculum;
 - the progress of their children;
 - other matters relating to teaching methods and organisation.

- (c) to contribute to the provision by the Members of a school prospectus and to their annual report to parents;
- (d) to provide opportunities for dialogue between parents and staff and to encourage their involvement;
- (e) to promote involvement in the wider life of the school.

5.5 In relation to the Local Authority:

- (a) to ensure liaison and co-operation with officers and support services;
- (b) to work with officers in the monitoring and evaluation of the school according to such arrangements as may be required by and/or agreed between the Management Committee and the Local Authority;
- (c) to make such reports in connection with the discharge of the Head Teacher's functions as may properly be required;
- (d) to have regard to the provisions of the Code of Practice on Local Authority/school relations.

5.6 In relation to other schools, colleges and educational bodies:

- (a) to promote continuity of learning, progression of achievement and curriculum development;
- (b) to arrange for effective transfer and induction of pupils;
- (c) to maintain effective liaison;
- (d) to maintain effective relationships with other schools;
- (e) to provide training and work experience placements for school and college students as appropriate and in accordance with school policy.

5.7 In relation to other professional bodies, agencies and services:

- (a) to liaise, in the best interests of pupils or in the meeting of statutory obligations, with other educational professionals, medical, social and other support services.

5.8 To ensure the school meets the SEN Code of Practice

This job description will be reviewed as appropriate, as part of the performance management process. A review may be initiated at any other time by either the post-holder or the Management Committee.

South Tyneside Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to produce an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

All employees have a responsibility to undertake training and development as required. They also have a responsibility to assist, where appropriate and necessary, with the training and development of fellow employees.

All employees have a responsibility of care for their own and others' health and safety.

The above list is not exhaustive and other duties may be attached to the post from time to time. Variation may also occur to the duties and responsibilities without changing the general character of the post.

Reference: JD/CL

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