**BEACON OF LIGHT SCHOOL, SUNDERLAND**

**STUDENT SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

**Employer Beacon of Light School**

**Location Sunderland**

**Salary Grade D pro rata**

**Contract type Full Time**

**Start date 20 April 2020**

**Posted 10 February 2020**

**Closing date 26 February 2020**

We are currently seeking to appoint a full-time passionate, committed and experienced member of support staff to join us for immediate start in April 2020 as we continue our journey in supporting the young people of the North East. This appointment will play a vital role in shaping the ethos, vision and values of our school and make a positive impact on our young people, their families, communities, and future. We moved into world-class, purpose-built premises from September 2018 and are creating an environment for personalised educational opportunities, where there are highest expectations for all members of the school community - this appointment is key to embedding our aims and aspirations.

If you are interested at the prospect of working in an environment where you can make a real impact, and where exciting things are happening, then we welcome an application from you.

**The successful applicant will:**

* Be resilient, enthusiastic and committed, with a proven ability of supporting students facing challenging circumstances to achieve their full potential
* Demonstrate an unrelenting commitment to providing the best educational experiences for our students
* Embed our commitment to achievement for all
* Inspire and motivate staff and students on a daily basis
* Play a key role in the day to day running of the school and its direction of progress
* Be prepared to go ‘the extra mile’ to ensure every student achieves to the very best of their ability
* Be passionate about the power of education to improve the quality of life and the chances of young people

**In return we offer:**

* The professional benefits that come from working with a collegiate and supportive team
* Exciting collaborative curriculum opportunities with partners, businesses, employers and outside agencies
* Opportunities to continue your professional development
* The unique chance to shape the direction of the Beacon of Light School

Opened September 2016 within Sunderland AFC Stadium of Light, the Beacon of Light School is a unique Alternative Provision for young people aged 13-16. Our curriculum offer provides life-changing opportunities to the students who attend, not only in terms of improved educational outcomes but also in the longer term outcomes of training, work and economic wellbeing.

In September 2018 we moved from the Stadium into purpose-built accommodation within the brand new Beacon building. This is an extremely exciting time for students and staff and we welcome new members to the team to shape the direction of our school as we move forward.

Students are at the very heart of our school community and we are passionate about embedding strong foundations and values for their future achievement and success. We recognise every student is an individual and celebrate this through personalised, inspiring and authentic learning experiences designed to nurture talent, build character and shape futures.

Offering the highest quality academic and vocational routes, supported by prestigious employers and endorsed by business, we align workplace qualities within a curriculum context. Our students are “work-ready” with a set of futureproofed skills as their ‘employability passport’ – fully prepared for the next exciting stage of life’s learning journey.

By investing in our young people today we will secure the future they deserve – enabling them to ***learn more, do more and be more***.

If you are excited and enthused by this challenge and you think this might be the role for you please log onto our website for more information: [www.foundationoflight.co.uk](http://www.foundationoflight.co.uk).

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from this website.

Completed forms, specifying whether this is a full or part-time position you are interested in, should be addressed to:

Jackie Smith

Beacon of Light School

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Stadium Park

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Or emailed to this address: jackie.smith@beaconschool.org.uk

**Closing date for applications: Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 12 noon**

**Interview date: 5 March 2020**

**Start date: Monday 20 April 2020 (Enhanced DBS clearance permitting)**

Candidates who have not heard within six weeks of application should assume they have been unsuccessful.

As part of the Foundation of Light’s commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, all employees employed within schools are required to undergo an enhanced DBS check. Further details can be found on the Disclosure and Barring Services website <https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check>

The successful applicant will be subject to satisfactory references and satisfactory clearance by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We are an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The Foundation of Light welcomes a diverse population of both children and staff and is committed to promoting and developing equality of opportunity in all its functions.