



Valley Road Academy
Corporation Road
Sunderland
SR2 8PL
Tel – 0191 5002999

Vacancy for Teaching Assistant

Grade 3 Scale Point 5 - 6
£26,427 - £26,847 pro rata
Depending on length of service and experience
Term Time only
37 hours per week

To start as soon as possible

Local Academy Councillors at Valley Road Academy, which is part of the IRIS Learning Trust, are seeking to appoint an experienced Teaching Assistant to work with our children. The ideal candidate must already have experience as a Teaching Assistant, and have a qualification in teaching and learning to at least NVQ Level 2 or equivalent.

The successful applicant must be an outstanding, caring and effective practitioner with high expectations for all children and themselves. Recent experience of upper key stage 2 curriculum and an understanding of end of key stage 2 statutory assessment.

The ideal candidate must have a commitment to their own professional development and the best interests of the academy in mind at all times.

Application packs are available from Joanne Curtis on 0191 5002999 or via e mail – joanne.curtis@valleyroad.org.uk Please return completed application forms to Joanne Curtis at the above address by 12 noon on Monday 28th September. This post is subject to a successful DBS check and suitable references. A social media online check will be carried out on all shortlisted candidates.

IRIS Learning Trust 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. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore applicants will be subject to appropriate background checks and vetting, including an enhanced DBS check and checks against the children's barred list. In line with our safer recruitment policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025, an online check will be carried out on shortlisted candidates. You will also need to complete a criminal records self-declaration form when attending interview.

If you are shortlisted you will be required to bring photo ID along to interview.

Closing Date – Monday 28th September 2026- 12 noon

Shortlisting – Tuesday 29th October 2026

Interviews – Thursday 1st October 2026

