VALLEY ROAD ACADEMY
CORPORATION ROAD, SUNDERLAND
SR2 8PL
Tel: 0191 5002999
Executive Headteacher – Mrs Becky Bowman
Vacancy for - SEND Class Teacher
Full Time – Fixed Term until 31st August 2027
Start date – ASAP

Valley Road is part of the IRIS Learning Trust, incorporated in June 2018. Along with Highfield Academy in Sunderland and Teesville Academy in Redcar and Cleveland. It serves a richly diverse community and has demonstrated that it offers a good quality of education. Valley Road's Ofsted report in 2022 states:

This is a warm and welcoming school. Leaders make sure that pupils and staff are valued as members of the school community. Staff look after pupils well. Staff take the time to listen to pupils who have any concerns. Pupils are happy and feel safe. Parents are very positive about the school.

The school works collaboratively with its partner schools across the Trust and has led the way in developing pedagogy, using evidence-based research and innovating the curriculum on offer to all pupils. Alongside a talented, dedicated workforce, pupils enjoy coming to school. Valley Road is well established within the community and enjoys a reputation of excellence, inclusion and success.

Our new member of staff would ideally have:

- Excellent, up to date, knowledge of SEND Code of Practice and updates related to SEND changes
- Knowledge of how pupils with SEND learn and approaches to support this
- Experience of working with children with EHCPs and implementing outcomes within daily teaching
- Experience of using assessment and observations to inform effective planning
- An understanding of how the learning environment contributes to learning
- An understanding of how to improve outcomes and raise achievement for all children
- An effective communicator and team member who can work in an environment of collective accountability.
- A commitment to working in close partnership with staff, governors, parents and the wider community
- A commitment to your own professional development
- A willingness to contribute and shape practice across school **Safeguarding Statement**

Valley Road 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 2026, an online check will be carried out on shortlisted candidates.

Closing date: Wednesday 18th November 2026 12 noon
Shortlisting: Monday 23rd November 2026
Interviews: Wednesday 25th November 2026

Application forms can be downloaded from our website and returned to Joanne Curtis at joanne.curtis@valleyroad.org.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday 18thth November 2026. Emailed applications will be accepted but if shortlisted you will be expected to sign your application form and complete a Criminal Record Self Declaration form and bring photo ID with you to interview.

Visits to the school are welcomed alternatively contact school if you wish to have an informal discussion with the headteacher or SENDCO on 0191 5002999