**St Walburga’s Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy**

**Outline Job Description**

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| **Post Title:** | **SENCO/ PPATeacher** |
| **Grade:** | **Main Scale / UPPER PAY SCALE** |

**Generic Introduction:**

The following information is furnished to assist staff joining the school to understand and appreciate the work content of their post and the role they are to play in the organisation. The following points should be noted:

1. Whilst every endeavour has been made to outline the main duties and responsibilities of the post, a document such as this does not permit every item to be specified in detail. Broad headings, therefore, may have been used below, in which case all the usual associated routines are naturally included in the job profile.
2. Employees should not refuse to undertake work, which is not specified on this form, but they should record any additional duties they are required to perform and these will be taken into account when the post is reviewed.
3. This school is an Equal Opportunities Employer and requires its employees to comply with all current equality policies in terms of equal opportunity for employment.
4. This school is committed, where possible, to making any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job role and the working environment that would enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

**Prime Objectives of the Post:**

As a SENCo, you will have responsibility for the effective education of children with additional needs, working closely with the Senior Leadership Team. Your knowledge of the most effective teaching approaches for children with SEND will support staff in delivering an appropriate curriculum. You will set targets and monitor progress to ensure all children achieve their full potential, liaise with parents/carers and seek support from external agencies where required.

As a Primary school teacher, you will be an outstanding classroom practitioner who consistently demonstrates the highest standards of delivery. You should be fully committed to raising attainment across the relevant Key Stage and across all subjects that you are required to teach. You will be acutely aware of the strategies required to achieve the highest standards within the National Curriculum.

You may from time to time be required to undertake other duties commensurate with the grade and level of responsibility defined in this job description.

As a classroom teacher you will, at all times, be mindful of, and adhere to, the Professional Standards for Teachers and the Career Stage expectations negotiated and adopted by the school at any time.

**Knowledge and Skills:**

*(See Personnel Specification)*

**SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

* Working knowledge of current EHCA/P processes
* Strong understanding of a range of additional needs which are barriers to learning
* Detailed understanding of all Key Stage curriculums
* Effective skills for assessing pupil progress in the relevant Key Stage

**Effort Demands:**

* Will contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
* Will appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
* Be vigilant and sensitive to any child protection/safeguarding concerns that arise, reporting any concerns to the designated officer in line with school policy and procedure.
* Will deal with any issues, immediate problems or emergencies that arise in line with school policies and procedures liaising with colleagues where necessary e.g., dealing with a sick, injured or distressed child.

**Responsibilities:**

**SENCo:**

* To support all members of staff to recognise and fulfil their statutory responsibilities to children with SEND.
* To provide relevant training opportunities for staff.
* To disseminate good practice in regard to SEND.
* To work with SLT/Academy Council on the strategic development of SEND, including reviewing appropriate policies.
* To lead SEND pupil progress meetings, agreeing next steps and targets for children.
* To liaise with external support agencies.
* To keep abreast of developments in SEND and inform staff and the Academy Council as necessary.
* To attend appropriate training, CPD and provide feedback to colleagues.
* To maintain the SEND register within school.

**Teaching:**

* To teach students according to their individual educational needs, including the appropriate setting and marking of work to be carried out by the students.
* Identifying effective intervention and mentoring strategies for students.
* To mark and grade students work in a way which enables you to give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback and maintain records of pupils' progress and development.
* To use a variety of delivery methods, which will stimulate learning appropriate to student needs, differentiating where necessary.
* Prepare pupils for internal and external assessments and examinations.
* To undertake pastoral duties, such as circle time, and supporting pupils on an individual basis through academic or personal difficulties, liaising with internal and external agencies.

**Health, Safety and Discipline:**

* To ensure a safe, secure and healthy environment for students, including all aspects of the school safeguarding arrangements.
* To manage pupil behaviour in the classroom and on school premises, and apply appropriate and effective measures in cases of misbehaviour
* To actively encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and independent learning.

**Whole school organisation and strategy:**

* To participate in and organise extracurricular activities, such as outings, social activities and sporting events, including participation in occasional overnight visits.
* To contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of school’s policies, practices and procedures in such a way as to support the school’s values and vision.
* Work with others on curriculum and/or pupil development to secure co-ordinated outcomes.
* Subject to the guidance relating to Cover, supervise and teach any pupils where the person timetabled to take the class is not available to do so.

**Management of staff and Resources:**

* To prepare and regularly update SEND materials and update SLT on the effectiveness of provision throughout the school
* To supervise and support the work of classroom support, teaching assistants, trainee teachers and early career teachers (ECTs).
* To efficiently deploy such resources as are allocated/delegated to you.

**Professional Development:**

* To under-go regular observations and participate in regular in-service training (INSET) as part of continuing professional development (CPD).
* Where appropriate, to participate in arrangements for the appraisal and review of support staff.
* Participate in arrangements for your own further training and professional development and, where appropriate, that of other teachers and support staff.

**Communication:**

* To communicate with parents and carers over pupils' progress and participate in parents' evenings and whole school training events.

**Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals:**

* To communicate effectively and professionally with outside agencies and members of staff to secure the best outcomes.

**environmental demands/Working Conditions:**

* Will have long periods of sitting or standing.
* Available to work during school hours during term time and a willingness to be flexible as may be required to attend staff meetings/training sessions outside of usual hours.
* Will have contact with members of the public/other professionals e.g., teaching staff, governors, parents/carers, community groups, local education authority, external providers etc.
* The post holder may occasionally be subjected to antisocial behaviour from members of the public/parents/site users.
* This post may include a degree of manual lifting and handling. You are expected to be aware of health and safety policies and procedures and frequently assess your ability to carry out the lifting tasks required of you.
* Report all concerns to an appropriate person.

**Fluency Duty**

In line with the Immigration Act 2016, the Government has created a duty to ensure that all Public Authority staff working in customer facing roles can speak fluent English to an appropriate standard.

For this role, the post holder is required to meet the Advanced Threshold Level

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The post holder should demonstrate they can:

* Express themselves fluently and spontaneously at length effortlessly.
* Explain difficult concepts simply without hindering the natural smooth flow of language.
* Take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English in School.

**Special Conditions of Service:**

* No contra-indications in personal background or criminal record indicating unsuitability to work with children/young people/vulnerable clients/finance (An enhanced DBS check is required).

**Other considerations**

* To be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection; being vigilant for signs that children may be being abused and to report any such suspicions to the school’s Designated Safeguarding Lead or the Headteacher.
* To act in accordance with the Data Protection Act and maintain confidentiality at all times e.g., access to staff/student/parent and carers files.
* Accept and commit to the principles underlying the Schools Equal Rights policies and practices.
* Be able to perform all duties and tasks with reasonable adjustment, where appropriate, in accordance with the Equality Act.
* Must be legally entitled to work in the UK.

**PERSONNEL SPECIFICATION:**

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|  | **ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE CRITERIA** |
| **Experience:** | * Practising Catholic (D) * Proven record of success as an excellent teacher (E) * Proven record of success as a SENCO (D) * An understanding and demonstration of barriers to learning and how those may be overcome (E) * Experience of managing student performance and intervention strategies to raise performance and accelerate progress. (E) * Previous teaching within primary education (E) * Experience of safeguarding and additional educational needs(E) * Experience of working alongside employer partners to achieve learning objectives(E) * Provide evidence of having previously spoken fluently to customers at an Advanced Threshold Level (E) |
| **Qualifications/Training:** | * Honours degree or equivalent in relevant (E) * Qualified Teacher Status (E) * SENCo Professional qualification (D) |
| **Knowledge/ Skills:** | * Strong knowledge of all Key Stage Curriculums(E) * In depth understanding of the role of a SENCo and how children with additional needs learn (D) * Excellent literacy, numeracy and IT skills (E) * Ability to communicate effectively with a range of internal and external stakeholders (E) * In line with the Immigration Act 2016; you should be able to demonstrate fluency of the English Language at an Advanced Threshold Level (E) |