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KEPIER JOB DESCRIPTION

Name:

Job Title: Higher Level Teaching Assistant - To support Mental Health and Well Being

Salary Scale: NJC **Point Range:** 12-17 **Start Date:** To be agreed

Contractual hours: 37 **Weeks per year:** Term Time Only + 3 days

Permanent Contract

Hours to be worked: 8.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday 8.00 am to 3.30 pm Friday

Lunch break: 30 minutes

Purpose of Job:

The role is to support the whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing at Kepier. To work with a team to improve the wellbeing, achievement and resilience of vulnerable young people.

Principal Duties: Providing support for learners, teachers and the whole school as outlined below:

Main Duties

Support for the Learner

1. Supporting all learners within the School Community with regards to their Mental Health and Wellbeing
2. Communicating effectively and sensitively with learners to support their learning.
3. Promoting and supporting the inclusion of all learners in the learning activities in which they are involved.
4. Assisting in the provision of activities of the fullest development of the learners which may involve work outside the school base and in the local community.

Support for the School

1. Follow the school guidelines for absent teachers and provide cover for lessons under the agreed system of supervision.
2. Under the supervision of the Headteacher or other designated teachers, invigilating internal and external examinations.
3. Under the direction of teaching staff, overseeing lunchtime supervision; monitoring the quality of lunchtime support, assisting delivery of training and supporting supervisors to meet individual pupil needs.
4. To assist in carrying out whole school responsibilities, for example Health and Safety.
5. Line managing the planning and direction of work of teaching assistants.

6. To liaise with teaching staff and other colleagues, to ensure adequate levels of support are available to teaching staff and learners.
7. To provide advice, information and demonstrations to other staff and teaching assistants to assist in the development of their skills.
8. To lead on mentoring support and assisting in any development review of other support staff.
9. To be responsible for the organisation and management of the allocated physical teaching space and allocated resources.
10. To help maintain a safe environment for the learners and the staff.

General Requirements

1. To attend and participate in meetings, training and development activities as required.
2. To participate in schemes of assessment, professional development and review.
3. To establish constructive relationships and communicate with the other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of learners.
4. To be an effective role model for the standards of behaviour expected of learners.
5. To have due regard to confidentiality, child protection procedures, health and safety, other statutory requirements and the policies of the governing body and the local education authority.

Professional Values and Practices

1. To have high expectations of all learners; respecting their social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds; and being committed to raising their educational achievement.
2. To treat learners consistently with respect and consideration, and being concerned with their development as learners.
3. In line with the school's policy and procedures, using behaviour management strategies which contribute to a purposeful learning environment.
4. To work collaboratively with colleagues as part of a professional team; and carrying out roles effectively, knowing when to seek help and advice from colleagues.
5. To reflect upon and seek to improve personal practice.
6. To work within school policies and procedures and be aware of legislation relevant to personal role and responsibility in the school.
7. To recognise equal opportunities issues as they arise in the schools and respond effectively, following school policies and procedures.
8. To build and maintain successful relationships with learners, parents/carers and staff.

Any other reasonable duties as requested by the Line Manager, Headteacher or member of the Senior Leadership Team that is not specified in this job description.

The post holder must be willing to undertake First Aid at Work training and carry out the role, if required.

The post holder must be willing to undertake Fire Warden training and carry out the role, if required.

Responsible to: SLT - Assistant Headteacher

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties of the post, each individual task undertaken by the post holder may not be identified.

- The job description is current at the date of issue, but following consultation, may be changed by Management to reflect changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.
- Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.
- Employees are expected to be courteous and supportive to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

- The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

Safeguarding

- Employees should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its learners.
- In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to significant harm, ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow SSCB (Sunderland Safeguarding Children Procedures) Child Protection Procedures and inform Children’s Services Social Care of their concern.

The post holder must comply with Health & Safety rules and regulations and with Health & Safety Legislation.

The post holder must carry out his or her duties with full regard to the School’s Equal Opportunities Policy.

Kepier operates a **no smoking policy** in its building and grounds.

Signed (Employee)..... **Date**.....

Signed (Headteacher)..... **Date**.....