

**Job Title** Assistant Headteacher with Responsibility for Behaviour & Attitudes and DSL

**Responsible to** *Headteacher* 

Deputy Headteacher

**Key Internal Contacts** Other staff within the Education team

Staff in other departments within the Service

Staff in other Services in the Region

Central Office Staff

**Key External Contacts** Service User relatives, advocates and others

Placing Authorities and Service Providers

Regulatory Authorities, Local services – statutory, voluntary and community,

Neighbours, External Service providers

#### **JOB PURPOSE**

- Support the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher with the leadership and management of the school in order to promote effective education and care and contribute to the learning, personal development and well-being of all students.
- Be an integral member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) discharging individual responsibilities to a high standard as well as supporting the work of the team at all times.
- Work closely with the Headteacher, SLT and colleagues to ensure the school is compliant with statutory regulation.

#### **KEY TASK AREAS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Support the management of systems, routines and processes to work effectively in line with legal requirements.
- Lead on Behaviour and Attitudes of the pupils at the school with support of the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher.
- Lead on all safeguarding matters within the school with support of the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher
- Behaviour and Attitudes of all pupils.
- Work with the Headteacher and SLT to lead and manage strategic areas of school development.
- Be proactive in establishing communications which foster good relations with all stakeholders, external agencies, individuals and organisations and which, through consultation, seek their positive support and active involvement in the school.
- Provide information and advice to the Headteacher and Assistant Director in accordance with Governance arrangements and support proper accountability processes throughout the school.

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## **General Responsibilities**

- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Work in accordance with professional practice, statutory and legal requirements and the policies of the School.
- Line manage middle leadership staff and act as a Team Leader for Performance Management.
- Reflect on their personal contribution to school achievements and take account of feedback from others.
- Take on specific tasks related to the day to day administration and organisation of the school.
- Take whole school responsibility for specific areas of work which will be reviewed annually.
- Take on any additional responsibilities which might from time to time be determined.

## **Strategic Direction, Leadership and Management**

- Work with the Headteacher and SLT to ensure the vision for the school is clearly articulated, shared and acted upon by all.
- Work with others to translate this vision into agreed objectives and operational plans which support and sustain improvement and growth.
- Support the implementation of an integrated school improvement plan and take sole responsibility for appropriately delegated aspects of it.
- Support staff and stakeholders in achieving the priorities and targets the school sets for itself.
- Support the evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's policies and developments.
- Lead groups of staff in development activities, delegate appropriately and evaluate outcomes.

### **Leading and Managing Staff**

- Support SLT in developing positive working relationships with and between all staff and provide and sustain motivation.
- Plan, delegate and evaluate work carried out by teams and individuals to ensure a consistent approach across the curriculum.
- Maintain a culture of high expectations for self and for others and take appropriate action when performance is unsatisfactory.
- Have an active commitment to CPD and lead by example in this area.
- Manage his or her own workload and that of others to enable an appropriate work/life balance to be achieved.

#### **Leading Behaviour and Attitudes**

- Support the Headteacher/ Deputy Headteacher for Behaviour & Attitudes
- Oversee Behaviour & Attitudes section on the school development plan updating half termly and reviewing with support of Headteacher/ Deputy Headteacher.
- Ensure all policies relating to Behaviour and Attitudes are reviewed annually and adapted when needed. Ensure the policies are followed through supervision of staff, training and implementation.
- Provide regular analysis of Behaviour & Attitudes of pupils at the school working with the Headteacher/ Deputy Headteacher to come up with strategies to improve.
- Ensure attendance of all pupils is regular reviewed with strategies put in place to support increase in attendance for all.
- Ensure all pupils have designated key workers who they are able to reach out to for support.
- Ensure interventions are provided to support pupils where needed.

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- Work closely with the clinical team to ensure pupils receive the support required.
- Ensure a consistent and continuous school-wide focus on pupil achievement, using data and benchmarks to monitor progress in every student's learning.
- Ensure that learning is at the centre of strategic planning and resource management.
- Ensure a culture and ethos of challenge and support where all pupils can achieve success and become engaged in their own learning.
- Demonstrate and articulate high expectations and monitor the stretching targets set for the whole school community.
- Technologies to enhance and extend the learning experiences of pupils.
- Challenge underperformance at all levels and ensure effective corrective action and follow-up is put in place and has an impact on improvement.

### **Leading Safeguarding**

- The post holder will support the Headteacher/ Deputy Headteacher for Safeguarding:
- Ensure all policies and documentation for safeguarding is regularly reviewed and updated.
- Ensure all staff receive regular training regarding safeguarding and are aware of protocols.
- Ensure all cases of safeguarding are followed up in a timely manner
- Communication with parents, professionals and pupils regarding safeguarding.
- Ensure the recording of all safeguarding i.e. Pupil concerns, parent concerns and staff concerns.
- Develop and implement systems for recording and tracking the progress of individuals and groups from entry to exit.
- Collect, collate, interpret and present specialist assessment data and co-ordinate the annual target setting process.
- Ensure individual needs are being met though effective planning and assessment.

A job description can never be fully descriptive and exhaustive of unforeseen changes or circumstances. It is expected that staff will, within reason, respond to unforeseen circumstances and emergencies as they arise, commensurate with their qualifications, experience and the situation.



## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

Qualifications & Training	Essential	Desirable
Qualified Designated Safeguarding Lead	✓	
Professional development relevant to the post		✓
Completion of NPQSL or willingness to do so		✓
Willingness to extend personal and professional development	✓	
Experience	Essential	Desirable
Experience of being a Designated Safeguarding Lead in a School for pupils with		<b>√</b>
Autism		v
Holds a Teaching qualification and Qualified Teacher status	✓	
Experience of being a Pastoral Lead in a school for pupils with autism		<b>✓</b>
Experience of leading on the Behaviour & Attitudes section on a school		<b>✓</b>
development plan		<u> </u>
Experience of leading a school through an OFSTED inspection regarding		<b>√</b>
Behaviour and Attitudes		,
Experience of OFSTED meetings and process	✓	
Leadership and management experience gained in middle management post	✓	
Demonstrated ability to engage positively and effectively with young people	✓	
presenting complex learning needs		
Experience of School Improvement processes and practice	✓	
Experience of recruiting, managing and inducting staff	✓	
Experience of multi-disciplinary and multi-agency working	✓	
Experience of leading a pastoral team		✓
Experience of working with complex young people with additional and autism	✓	
Experience of working with clinical teams to support young people		✓
Knowledge & Understanding	Essential	Desirable
Understanding of safeguarding requirements	✓	
Knowledge of Education Acts and other legislation relevant to special education	✓	
Understanding of OfSTED requirements	✓	
Sound working knowledge of the SEN Code of Practice	✓	
Understanding of the statutory curriculum and other educational initiatives and	✓	
requirements  Membership of a professional association		<b>√</b>
Skills	Essential	Desirable
Ability to lead and provide a clear vision	∠ Solitiai	Desirable
Ability to plan, monitor and evaluate policy and programmes and make		
judgements about their impact	✓	
Ability to apply and practice quality assurance and control mechanisms	✓	
Ability to identify and promote pupils' academic, personal and social progress, and maximise ways of evidencing them	✓	
Ability to motivate and develop people and the confidence to exercise delegated		
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authority in a lead role	✓	
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management of meetings		
Ability to think strategically and analytically including the collation and application of data to inform planning and development	✓	
Effective communication and interpersonal skills including sensitivity and awareness of others' needs	✓	
Team working skills	✓	
Competent in the use of ICT	✓	
Ability to manage people and resources to good effect	✓	
Ability to plan, organise and lead training & development activity		✓
Ability to manage financial and budgetary processes effectively		✓
Other	Essential	Desirable
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Highly motivated and demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm	✓	
Ability to enthuse and motivate others	✓ ✓	
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