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| **Job Description – SEN Teacher** | |
| **Job title:** | Teacher of SEN |
| **Responsible to:** | SENCO |
| **Responsible for:** | Social Communication Department – HLTA’s & Teaching Assistants |
| **Liaising with:** | Line managers, senior and extended leadership team, parents/carers, relevant support staff. |
| **Pay range:** | M1-UPS3  SEND Allowance |
| **Contract terms:** | Full time |



All staff should be committed to the school and East Midlands Academy Trust’s purpose to provide a relentless focus on great leadership and management and outstanding teaching. East Midlands Academy Trust is committed to support the school leaders, teachers and support staff to be the best they can be.

**Role of the SEN Teacher**

* Be responsible for the learning and achievement of all pupils in the class/ensuring equality of opportunity for all
* Be responsible and accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct
* To drive Teaching and Learning within the department, being accountable for developing effective provision and high-quality teaching
* Treat pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher’s professional position
* Create a welcoming and inspiring learning environment to meet the diverse needs of learners
* Set challenging targets for learners which promotes high expectations and good progress
* Plan, develop, and deliver a personalised and engaging curriculum, adapting agreed approaches based on individual needs
* Work proactively and effectively in collaboration and partnership with learners, parents/carers, governors, other staff and external agencies in the best interests of pupils
* To meet with the department team to discuss planning, provision, and assessments
* Support the SENCO with EHCP reviews
* Assist the SENCO in sharing good practice, particularly with supporting children with ASC
* Support colleagues with their understanding of ASC and structured teaching and behaviour management through modelling and discussion
* To carry out specific administrative/procedural tasks in line with running a department
* Act within, the statutory frameworks, which set out their professional duties and responsibilities and in line with the duties outlined in the current *School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document and Teacher Standards (2012)*
* Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school

**Main duties**

All teachers are required to carry out the duties of a schoolteacher as set out in the current [*School Teachers Pay and Conditions* *Document*](https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/)*.* Teachers should also have due regard to the Teacher Standards (2012). Teachers’ performance will be assessed against the teacher [standards](https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-00066-2011) as part of the appraisal process as relevant to their role in the school.

## Teaching

* Deliver the curriculum as relevant to the age and ability group/subject/s that you teach
* Be responsible for the preparation and development of teaching materials, teaching programmes and pastoral arrangements as appropriate
* Be accountable for the attainment, progress and outcomes of pupils’ you teach
* Be aware of pupils’ capabilities, their prior knowledge and plan teaching and differentiate appropriately to build on these demonstrating knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn
* Have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; gifted and talented; EAL; disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them
* Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy including the correct use of spoken English (whatever your specialist subject)
* If teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies e.g. systematic synthetic phonics
* Use an appropriate range of observation, assessment, monitoring and recording strategies as a basis for setting challenging learning objectives for pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions, monitoring learners’ progress and levels of attainment
* Make accurate and productive use of assessment to secure pupils’ progress
* Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback, reflect on progress, their emerging needs and to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study
* Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
* Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired as appropriate
* Participate in arrangements for examinations and assessments within the remit of the *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* *Document*

## Behaviour and Safety

* Establish a safe, purposeful and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
* Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils’ needs in order to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
* Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary
* Be a positive role model and demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour, which are expected of pupils
* Have high expectations of behaviour, promoting self control and independence of all learners
* Carry out playground and other duties as directed and within the remit of the current *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* *Document*
* Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school, raising any concerns following school protocol/procedures

## Team working and collaboration

* Participate in any relevant meetings/professional development opportunities at the school, which relate to the learners, curriculum or organisation of the school including pastoral arrangements and assemblies
* Work as a team member and identify opportunities for working with colleagues and sharing the development of effective practice with them
* Contribute to the selection and professional development of other teachers and support staff including the induction and assessment of new teachers, teachers serving induction periods and where appropriate threshold assessments
* Ensure that colleagues working with you are appropriately involved in supporting learning and understand the roles they are expected to fulfil
* Take part as required in the review, development and management of the activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school
* Cover for absent colleagues within the remit of the current *School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions* document

Our teachers are an integral part of our dedicated team who are working hard to attain high standards across the academy. All our employees are expected to display and uphold the Trust values.

**Additional duties**

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken, commensurate with the grade. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the post holder will carry out.

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.

**N.B.** The post holder will carry out his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Trust’s equal opportunities policy.

This job description is provided to assist the post holder to know what his/her duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of the post.

**Health and Safety**

So far as is reasonably practical, the post holder must ensure that safe working practices are adopted by employees, and in premises/work areas for which the post holder is responsible, to maintain a safe working environment for employees and students.

**Safeguarding**

EMAT is committed to the safeguarding of its young persons and expects all staff, volunteers and adults to work within the parameters of the policies and procedures as agreed by the Board of Trustees to ensure the safety of all young persons within its care.

**Equal Opportunities**

It is the policy of EMAT to provide equal opportunities for all individuals; to prohibit discrimination in employment on any basis protected by applicable law, including but not limited to race, colour, religious creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, age, medical condition or disability. EMAT promotes equal employment opportunities in all aspects of employment through positive employment policies and practice.

If any special requirements are needed to attend an interview, please inform the trust.

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**East Midlands Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

**All appointments are subject to safer recruitment requirements.**

**This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure**

**Person Specification**

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Education and Qualifications** | | |
| Qualified Teacher Status | **P** |  |
| Good Honours degree |  | **P** |
| **Experience** | | |
| Successful teaching and curriculum experience within EYFS, KS1 or KS2 | **P** |  |
| Successful experience of raising standards with measurable outcomes | **P** |  |
| Evidence of continuing professional development | **P** |  |
| Experience of teaching across the whole primary age range and working in partnership with parents |  | **P** |
| Leading a team of Higher-Level Teaching Assistants & Teaching Assistants | **P** |  |
| Recent experience of teaching children with ASC or social communication needs | **P** |  |
| Using Attention Autism, SCERTS, and PECS |  | **P** |
| **Knowledge and understanding** | | |
| The theory and practice of providing effectively for the individual needs of all children (e.g. classroom organisation and learning strategies)  Statutory National Curriculum requirements at the appropriate key stage | **P** |  |
| The monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting of pupils’ progress | **P** |  |
| The statutory requirements of legislation concerning Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, SEN, Child Protection and safeguarding | **P** |  |
| The positive links necessary within school and with all its stakeholders | **P** |  |
| Understanding of quality of teaching and learning and how to improve practice  Effective use of data to inform action planning and next steps | **P** |  |
| The preparation and administration of statutory National Curriculum tests |  | **P** |
| Knowledge of key considerations in effective management and deployment of people and other resources |  | **P** |
| Experience of promoting personal, social, moral, cultural and spiritual development in children |  | **P** |
| **Skills and Attributes** | | |
| Promote the school’s aims and vision positively, and use effective strategies to monitor motivation and morale | **P** |  |
| Liaise with, and work alongside, a multidisciplinary team including SALT and OT | **P** |  |
| Establish and develop positive relationships with parents, governors and the community | **P** |  |
| Communicate effectively (both orally and in writing) to a variety of audiences and have effective ICT skills | **P** |  |
| Develop good personal relationships within a team | **P** |  |
| Ability to effective monitor, evaluate and reflect on the quality of education in order to identify strengths and areas of development | **P** |  |
| Ability to use evidence-based research to plan for and implement change that ensure the raising of standards and is sustainable | **P** |  |
| Ability to think creatively to anticipate and solve problems | **P** |  |
| Ability to lead change | **P** |  |
| Ability to use evidence-based research to plan for and implement change that ensure the raising of standards and is sustainable | **P** |  |
| Ability to effective monitor, evaluate and reflect on the quality of education in order to identify strengths and areas of development | **P** |  |
| Ability to formulate a strategy for the school and secure commitment to it from others |  | **P** |
| Ability to drive improvement and challenge underperformance |  | **P** |
| Ability to establish and sustain appropriate structures and systems and monitor them |  | **P** |
| Ability to motivate, challenge and influence others to attain higher goals |  | **P** |
| Ability to develop and empower individuals and teams |  | **P** |
| **Personal Qualities** | | |
| Approachable, respectful, empathic and values others | **P** |  |
| Able to motivate self and others to achieve a shared goal | **P** |  |
| Resilient, persistent and optimistic when faced with difficulties and challenge | **P** |  |
| Commitment and dedication to social justice, equality and excellence for all | **P** |  |
| Flexible, adaptable and can work in collaboration with others | **P** |  |
| Committed to CPD of self and others within the school | **P** |  |
| Excellent interpersonal communication and administrative skills | **P** |  |
| Ability to work independently and as part of a team | **P** |  |
| Values a coaching ethos that enable self and others to grow and develop | **P** |  |
| High level of honesty and integrity | **P** |  |
| Strong commitment to raising standards | **P** |  |
| Punctual and reliable | **P** |  |
| **Further requirements** | | |
| Willingness to work flexible hours on occasion | **P** |  |
| Willingness to maintain confidentiality on school matters | **P** |  |
| Willingness to undertake training courses that are relevant to the duties of the post | **P** |  |
| Willingness to be involved in internal and external meetings | **P** |  |
| Supportive of the ethos of the trust and school | **P** |  |