



Leehurst Swan School

**EYFS TEACHING ASSISTANT
CANDIDATE PACK**



THE SCHOOL

Leehurst Swan is a leading independent day school based in the city of Salisbury, Wiltshire. With 200 pupils on roll aged 4 to 16, and an Outstanding ISI inspection rating in 2017; the School is under the leadership of Mrs Mandy Bateman and was found compliant in all components of the recent Regulatory Compliance Inspection that was conducted by the ISI at the beginning of March 2020.

At Leehurst Swan, our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. We recognise the uniqueness of each child and it is our privilege to guide them on the road to discovering their talents and achieving their true potential. We offer a family-friendly, nurturing environment and a broad and varied education which both stimulates and challenges. We seek to encourage a true enthusiasm for learning, and to help pupils grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding, whilst preparing them for their future beyond school.

We have been educating children on this site for over 100 years and our academic record is very strong. However, we also firmly believe learning should be imaginative and fun, and we place learning and laughter at the heart of all that we do. We are a small school, which allows us to provide individual attention, exciting opportunities and creative activities for all our children, so they can find their voice and receive the best preparation for their future beyond school.

THE ROLE

This is a permanent full-time EYFS teaching assistant position. This role reports to the Head of Learning Support and also works closely with the class teacher to support access to learning for pupils. The school offers competitive salary re-numeration dependent on experience, with paid holiday, pension scheme membership and free on-site parking.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Applicants should download and complete the following documents from the school website:

- The application form;
- Write a covering letter highlighting any strengths and reasons for applying for the post;
- Submit a current copy of their curriculum vitae.

Applications should be emailed to the Bursar, Mrs Lindsay Chater bursar@leehurstswan.org.uk

Applicants must be willing to undertake a full enhanced DBS check, complete a health declaration form and be willing to undertake any screening for child protection reasons.

If you would like further details about the school, or you would like to have a look around the school, please contact the School Office in the first instance.

Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday 6th December 2023

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2023

Start Date: January 2024

Job Description - EYFS Teaching Assistant

To work under the direct instruction of the class teacher and SENCo usually in the classroom with the class teacher. This may involve listening to reading; helping with language development, mathematics and other areas of learning as well as working with individual children or small groups as directed.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide a happy, stimulating, safe, and secure environment where all children are encouraged to meet their potential and where their physical, emotional, and intellectual needs are met.
- Establish good relationships with the children, responding appropriately to individual needs;
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils;
- Encourage children to act independently as appropriate.
- Contribute to the management of pupils' behaviour.
- Ensure pupils have correct letters and information in their bags to take home to parents.
- Help prepare and clear away the classroom for lessons e.g. paints, activity items, etc.
- Change and refresh wall displays, when required by the class teacher.
- Supervise pupils outside during all playtimes, unless wet play, when supervision will be inside.
- Assist at lunchtime, encouraging the pupils to eat their lunches, and cut up food and snacks where necessary.
- Put out and put away outdoor toys and equipment to assist in outdoor play. Ensure toys are kept in good clean order.
- Escort pupils to after school club.
- Attend staff meetings and parents' evenings, if required.
- Attending training and development courses, when required.
- Provision of emergency first aid as and when necessary.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of all information belonging to the School. It is important, and a condition of employment, that all information of any kind is treated as confidential and not disclosed or used other than as authorised and in the proper performance of the Schools business.
- Contribute to the health and safety of pupils and other staff by following Health and Safety regulations.
- Comply with the policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- Be aware of and support differences and ensure equal opportunities for all.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the School.
- Develop positive and constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals.
- Take responsibility for your professional development, continually keep updated and contribute to the School as a learning organisation.
- Recognise your own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advise and support others.

- Flexibility to work outside of normal working hours on occasion, for meetings, training, school open days, events etc.
- Attend INSET training to further professional development and understanding.

Person Specification

The successful applicant should possess the following experience, qualifications and qualities:

- Level 3 or higher qualification in childcare;
- Paediatric First Aid qualification is essential, or the willingness to attend training;
- Experience in working with reception and KS1 children;
- Good literacy, numeracy and IT skills with good written communication skills;
- Ability to organise activities for children and adhere to defined standards;
- A good understanding of how to teach phonics and early reading skills to children in reception and KS1;
- A good, up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the EYFS curriculum and Statutory Framework;
- A commitment to the provision of high-quality childcare;
- A positive approach to learning and gaining new skills through teamwork and training;
- Commitment to the highest standards of child protection and safeguarding;

Personal attributes

- Professional and flexible approach to work;
- Good organisational, record keeping and planning skills;
- Well-motivated & able to work on own initiative and as part of a team;
- Able to communicate effectively with children, colleagues and parents/carers;
- Ability to use own initiative and judgement to solve problems;
- Able to meet the physical demands of the post;
- Calmness, efficiency, and the ability to work under pressure;
- Positive and can-do attitude.

Hours:

Term time only (36 weeks), Monday to Friday, 40 hours per week, 08.00 to 16.00

Benefits:

- The School operates a fee reduction package for children of staff members, subject to their meeting the Schools' admissions criteria.
- Training opportunities for personal and professional development.

A formal contract, detailing terms and conditions, will be extended following completion of all safeguarding/ pre-employment checks.

Leehurst Swan School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Applicants must undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.