



Recruitment

Receptionist

*Everyone can...
be exceptional.*

Dear Candidate

I am delighted that you are interested in applying for the role of Receptionist at Eggbuckland Community College.

Eggbuckland is a wonderfully caring and positive College who put students at the centre of everything we do. We have extremely high expectations of our students and pride ourselves in our 'Everyone Can' ethos. We firmly believe that every student deserves a great education, regardless of their starting point and are committed to enabling all students to flourish academically and develop into exceptional young people.

At Eggbuckland, we have extremely strong systems and routines, coupled with excellent pastoral care; this enables our students to thrive. In lessons, students are encouraged to develop a love of learning, to think for themselves and to work hard so they maximise their full potential. As part of Westcountry Schools Trust, we work collaboratively within our family of schools to ensure that all students and staff have the best possible experiences and opportunities. I look forward to reading your application.

Yours faithfully

Heather Lilley



*Heather Lilley
Principal*



Our Mission, Vision and Values

Our Mission

At Eggbuckland, we *will* foster:

A climate where *effort* prevails, above all else;

A curriculum which inspires *curiosity*: accessible and ambitious for all;

A community where *difference* is celebrated and *character* is shaped.

Our Vision

To be recognised as a great school where students receive a great education, regardless of their starting point.

Graduates of Eggbuckland will have the power to understand themselves and the world around them and have the confidence to realise their ambitions; they will be exceptional.

Our Values



Tenacity

“I have a goal and work hard to achieve it”

“I seek challenges to improve myself”

“I view setbacks as an opportunity for learning”



Integrity

“I am strong and stand up for what is right”

“I am honest”

“I am guided by strong moral principles”



Compassion

“I allow the voice of others to be heard”

“I accept people for who they are”

“I relish opportunities to improve the fortune of others”



Knowledge

“I am committed to instilling knowledge to my long term memory”

“I value the link between knowledge and increasing my learning and life chances”

“I utilise all opportunities to increase my wider knowledge”



From the Trust

Welcome to Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST); a tight-knit family of schools based around natural geographical proximity in the South West.

Initially formed as a small multi academy trust of only two schools in 2011, the Trust has experienced several iterations of growth and change.

In essence, WeST as we recognise it today, was launched in September 2017 with the ambition of delivering exceptional education for 2-19 year olds with the additional ability to provide postgraduate study through The WeST Training Institute (WTI).

The WeST family now extends to 31 schools of which 8 are secondary and 23 primary. All 23 primary schools naturally transition children into a WeST secondary school, an area of work we wish to further strengthen as our work matures.

WeST holds a firm belief in giving each child every opportunity to learn and succeed in all that they do.



Nat Parnell
Chief Executive Officer
Westcountry Schools Trust

Whilst we are a family of schools who share common values and beliefs, all our schools are unique and hold their own identity. We believe that by working collectively, sharing what works well and jointly developing best practice, we are stronger together and can provide the very best education for our children in our geographical area.

We have a pride in our schools, staff and children, and thrive on the constant challenge to do better. All our children are our collective responsibility.

Trust Vision, Mission and Values

While all our schools retain their own identity, we are a united family who share a common Vision, Mission, and Values. We believe that by working collectively, we are stronger and can provide the very best education for our children.



Vision
Every child in a great school



Mission
Empowering children to impact positively on society



Values
Collaboration, Aspiration,
Integrity, Compassion



WESTCOUNTRY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Job Description

Job title	Receptionist / First Aider
Responsible to	Operations Manager
Grade	Plymouth Legacy Grade C point 5—7 FTE Salary: £25,583—£26,403 Actual Salary: £19,246.67—£19,863.58
Hours	32.5 hours per week x 39 weeks per year 08.30—16.00 Monday to Friday with a 1 hour daily unpaid

The following is only an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the post which may change from time to time. The job description will be reviewed at least every two years and may be altered following consultation with the postholder, in line with the changing needs of the College. In all its activities the College follows a policy of continuous improvement.

Main purpose of the job:

To act as the first point of call for all college visitors and callers. To welcome visitors and direct as appropriate and to manage all telephone calls and queries, re-directing as appropriate. Provide a caring and efficient first aid service to students who are unwell or injured whilst at college.

Duties and Responsibilities to include:

1. To welcome visitors in a professional and hospitable manner, ensuring signing-in procedures are followed.
2. To receive and prioritise incoming telephone calls and deal with them appropriately, including recording and distributing messages as required.
3. To ensure appropriate standards of tidiness and order in the college reception area, to project a professional and welcoming environment for parents, students and visitors to the college.
4. To distribute incoming post and goods received and provide assistance with stock control.
5. To attend meetings as required.
6. Undertake the typing and issuing of the weekly bulletins.
7. Assist with student enquiries (eg lost timetables), locate students for staff as required.
8. Ensure students sign in and out and undertake any administration required
9. To be aware of and adhere to applicable rules, regulations, legislation, and procedures as per Eggbuckland Community College and Westcountry Schools Trust policies.
10. Undertake full First Aid training, and be part of the on-call rota, this will involve administration of medication. Be the first point of contact for students who are ill (ascertaining the reason, contacting parents, arranging for the student's collection or transport home as necessary, keeping relevant records for reporting of illness).
11. To be responsible for the safe keeping of prescribed drugs in an appropriate secure location.
12. Maintain accurate records in accordance with new and changing medical needs.
13. Monitor stocks within first aid boxes throughout the site. To be responsible for maintaining stocks and ordering medical supplies and equipment in order to ensure adequate resources across the college site. Requesting orders which the Operations Manager will be responsible for authorising and processing.
14. Work with other first aiders within college site to share information and resources.
15. To maintain confidentiality of information acquired whilst undertaking duties for the department.
16. To be responsible for your own continuing personal development, undertaking training as appropriate.
17. To undertake other duties appropriate to the grading of the post as required.

General

1. To act in accordance with, and actively promote, all Trust policies, including Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Equality & Diversity.
2. To participate in Continuing Professional Development (CPD relevant to the role and to engage in Performance Development Reviews (PDRs).
3. Preparing and contributing to Trust wide development by sharing best practice and delivering / receiving professional feedback.
4. To retain confidentiality and maintain data and/or files in accordance with Trust policies for data governance, as appropriate for the role

Safeguarding

The College is committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of students and expects all staff to share in this responsibility. You will be required to work under child protection screening, including enhanced DBS clearance and full reference checks from previous employers.

Health and Safety

The post holder is required to make positive efforts to maintain their own personal safety and that of others by taking reasonable care, carrying out requirements of the law following recognised codes of practice. The post holder is also required to be aware of and comply with Eggbuckland Community College policies on health and safety.

This is a description of the main duties and responsibilities of the post at the date of production. The duties may change over time as requirements and circumstances change. The person in the post may also be asked to carry out other duties commensurate with the grade as may be necessary from time to time.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Signed: _____ Principal _____ Date _____

Person Specification

PERSON SPECIFICATION

E = Essential, D = Desirable

	Essential or Desirable	Application Form	Interview or other selection Activity
Method of Assessment The table indicates the possible method/s by which the skills/knowledge/level of competence in each area will be assessed.			
Qualifications			
First Aid Qualification (training can be provided and regular updates undertaken)	D	✓	✓
Attainment of CGSE qualifications in Maths and English Grades A* - C or equivalent	E	✓	✓
Experience			
Experience in provision of First Aid	D	✓	✓
Experience of working in an educational environment	D	✓	✓
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities			
Effective communication skills with a variety of stakeholders	E	✓	✓
Proven experience of working effectively in a team working collaboratively with colleagues as well as working independently	E	✓	✓
Ability to remain calm in stressful situations and prioritise actions	E	✓	✓
To respect and uphold confidentiality at all levels	E	✓	✓
Ability to prioritise work with potential for competing demands/priorities	E	✓	✓
Ability to use initiative and solve problems within remit of the role	D	✓	✓
General typing skills and user knowledge of Ms Office packages	E	✓	✓
Further requirements			
A proactive and professional approach	E	✓	
Good organisational skills including the ability to prioritise competing demands	D	✓	
Commitment to safeguarding of all	E	✓	

WeST VALUES-BASED BEHAVIOURS:			
Compassion:			
Recognising need in others and acting with positive intention to promote wellbeing and improve outcomes	E		✓
Aspiration:			
Working to high expectations, modelling the delivery of high-quality outcomes	E		✓
Showing passion, persistence and resilience in seeking creative solutions to strive for continuous improvement and excellence	E		✓
Integrity:			
Acting always in the interests of children and young people	E		✓
Acting with a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles	E		✓
Communicating with transparency and respect, creating a working environment based on trust and honesty	E		✓
Collaboration:			
Creating a shared vision and working effectively across boundaries in an equitable and inclusive way to skillfully influence and engage others	E		✓

Additional Information

Westcountry Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought and successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and other relevant checks with statutory bodies.

Equal Opportunities

In fulfilling its aims and objectives, Westcountry Schools Trust actively seeks to achieve equality of opportunity and treatment for all members of the school community.

We will continuously strive to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and dignity. Each person in our school will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential regardless of their gender, ethnicity, cultural and religious background, sexuality, disability or special educational needs and ability. The school works actively to promote equality and foster positive attitudes. WeST is committed to combatting all forms of discrimination by implementing positive policies and practices in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

Procedures

All appointments are subject to pre-employment checks. That means:

- We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of our Child Protection Policy & Safeguarding Policy is available at: <https://www.westst.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2101&type=pdf>
- Your identity will be confirmed by sight of original, official documents such as a Birth Certificate, Passport etc. in line with the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996
- Original documents relating to all the qualifications you have listed on your application form must be supplied
- Your employment history will be thoroughly examined and clarification will be sought where there are gaps or other discrepancies arising from information provided either by you as the candidate or your referee
- References will be used to check dates of employment and your relevant experience. A minimum of two written references will be taken up and these references will be requested before the interview. References should cover the last 3-5 years' work history, as a minimum
- An online search of shortlisted candidates will be conducted in accordance with Part Three 'Safer Recruitment' of Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance.
- The identity of referees and information relating to disclosures will be verified
- You will be required to provide details of any relevant unspent or spent convictions in accordance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 1986
- An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be requested. This check will be cross referenced against the Protection of Vulnerable Adults list (PoVA), the Protection of Children Act (PoCA) list and List 99. These lists contain details of people deemed unsuitable to work with children or vulnerable adults. Please note that it is an offence to apply, offer or accept to do any work with children (paid or unpaid) if disqualified from working with children. Applicants will be challenged where inconsistencies exist. Please be aware that a firm offer of appointment will only be made after receipt and verification of all satisfactory checks. Westcountry Schools Trust will carry out these checks and should you fail these checks, our offer of employment will be withdrawn.
- For information of how we use your data please click on this link— [Westcountry Schools Trust Recruitment information](#).



