



Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy Advert

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Role Overview

Job Title: Senior Catering Assistant

Start Date: 1st September 2026

Salary: £13.47 | (Grade C)

Hours Per Week: 16 (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 10:30am–13:30pm and Wednesday 9:30am–13:30pm)

Working Weeks: 38 Weeks

Status: Permanent | Part Time | Term Time Only

Closing Date: 12 Noon on Friday 4th September 2026

Interview Date: Week commencing Monday 14th September 2026

Pilton Bluecoat Academy is seeking to appoint a motivated and enthusiastic Senior Catering Assistant to join our dedicated and supportive team. We're looking for someone who is organised, enjoys working with children and who is ready to support the smooth running of our lunchtime service across both schools. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about providing high-quality catering and creating a positive dining experience for our pupils and staff.

The successful candidate will support the Kitchen Manager in delivering a high-quality lunchtime catering service across both schools. The role includes helping to prepare and serve meals, coordinating the delivery of food between sites, supporting a small catering team and helping to ensure children have a safe and positive lunchtime experience.

The postholder will supervise the mobile catering team's delivery of meals between Pilton Bluecoat Academy and Pilton Infants' Academy, supervising staff involved in food distribution and ensuring catering equipment is safely transported between sites. This includes collecting food from the kitchen, liaising with the Kitchen Manager regarding the daily menu, dietary requirements and allergen information and ensuring all meals are correctly packed, clearly identified and maintained at the required temperatures for transportation. Upon arrival at the receiving site, the postholder will unload and check food temperatures, ensuring meals continue to meet food safety standards and are served in strict accordance with individual dietary needs and allergy requirements. The role also includes maintaining cleanliness within serving areas, washing dishes and supporting the clearing and resetting of dining spaces following lunch service to ensure facilities remain clean, tidy and ready for use.

We are looking for someone who is organised, reliable and flexible, with the ability to work effectively as part of a team and the confidence to support and supervise colleagues when required. The successful candidate will be committed to maintaining high standards of food hygiene, health and safety and any other ad hoc responsibilities as required while helping to create a positive lunchtime experience for children. If you enjoy working in a school environment and take pride in delivering a high-quality catering service, we would love to hear from you.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

In-service training and ongoing support will be provided where appropriate.

Why Join Us?

We offer a welcoming environment where teamwork and professional development are highly valued. In-service training is provided where appropriate. Additional benefits include:

- Pension: Membership of a generous pension scheme (LGPS)
- Health & Wellbeing: Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app and free seasonal flu vaccinations.
- Work-Life Balance: Wellbeing and Long Service days
- Schemes: Cycle to work scheme

For more information and to view the full details of this role, you can access the advert via our website at www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact Mat Harts Head of School via office@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

How to Apply

If you would like to contribute to a Trust committed to providing outstanding learning experiences for all pupils, please apply via mynewterm. To submit your application, you will be required to register as a candidate and complete the full application form on their platform, as we are strictly unable to accept CVs.

As this post is advertised on multiple platforms, we reserve the right to interview upon receipt of suitable applications; candidates are therefore encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

Senior Catering Assistant Job Description



Job Purpose

To manage the safe production of food within a hygienic environment, supervising a small kitchen team in the preparation and service of school meals each day. The role will also involve collecting meals from the Pilton Bluecoat Academy kitchen and delivering them to the Pilton Infants' Academy site, overseeing the distribution of food, cleaning of serving areas, washing of dishes and the safe transportation of catering equipment back to the main kitchen.

In addition, the postholder will support the catering team with a range of day-to-day catering activities and undertake other ad hoc duties as required to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the service.

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Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Supporting the catering team with planning, production, cooking, cleaning, preparation of dining room and service procedures.
- Day to day supervision of a small mobile catering team.
- Liaise with the Line Manager/ Head of Schools on any educational/ themed meals.
- Comply with all health and safety regulations. Working in accordance with dietary requirements, allergies and food safety regulations.
- Ensure kitchen, service and dining areas are kept clean and clear, report any equipment faults.
- To work as part of a team with both Pilton Bluecoat and Pilton Infants' catering and MTA staff in order to meet the aims and objectives of the establishments.
- Having due regard for catering budget.
- Collect food from food preparation kitchen and discuss daily menu and allergies with kitchen manager as appropriate.
- Check that the food is packed correctly and is at correct temperature for transportation.
- Transport food and equipment required from Pilton Bluecoat to Pilton Infants' Academy site.
- At new site, unload and check food is still at correct temperature; serve food to pupils and staff.
- Ensure waste is disposed of correctly
- Ensure service area and dining area is clean at end of service
- To assist in the lunchtime serving of meals to ensure that the mealtime is completed on time in a safe and hygienic setting.
- To follow the school's procedure on reporting behavior observations in order for them to maintain the school's standard of discipline and behavior.
- To pack equipment and transport back to food preparation kitchen.
- Adhere to school policies to maintain a safe environment for pupils and other staff.

Senior Catering Assistant Person Specification



In your supporting statement and application form, please demonstrate how you meet the essential criteria for the role. All other criteria are considered desirable.

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Management of people	Able to supervise staff	
Experience	- Experience working in a catering, hospitality or food service environment. - Able to work as part of a team and organise day-to-day tasks.	- Experience working in a school or commercial kitchen. - Experience supervising or supporting colleagues.
Communication	- Able to communicate with managers, head teachers and staff on catering management issues. - Ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.	
Personal Qualities	- Child-focused - Organised and reliable - Able to work independently - Positive team player - Confident supporting colleagues	
Strategic Thinking	Able to understand the role that the service plays within schools service and TEAM MAT as a whole.	
Technology / IT Skills	- MS Word - Digital food thermometers	
Education and Training	- Good standard of education, numerate and literate - Knowledge of catering hygiene standards - HASAW act - Basic Food Hygiene	Catering qualification to C&G level
Equal Opportunities	The school and its staff seek to eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.	
Physical	Able to carry out the duties of the post with reasonable adjustments where necessary	
Other relevant factors	Commit and conform to the school's Customer Service Standards	



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