



**Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Busill Jones Primary School**

Candidate Information Pack



Message from the CEO



I am privileged to be the Chief Executive Officer of SHINE Academies. Having been part of the SHINE journey since its inception in January 2015, I am incredibly proud of the progress that has been made by all of our pupils, staff and stakeholders over the years.

Children only get one chance for their primary education. Whilst we all understand the importance of the core subjects, our pupils are much more than a numerical outcome. We strongly believe that all pupils should have an opportunity to find their niche and reach their potential in all areas. This is supported by a steadfast commitment to the arts and sport, as well as opportunities for exploring cultural capital making our pupils exceptional citizens. We have high expectations of our pupils and encourage them to have high aspirations – there should be no ceiling.

I am proud that our schools are recognised as inclusive environments for our pupils, and we pride ourselves on having skilled practitioners to support our diverse communities. Our family support team has broad expertise and the capacity to support our pupils and their families in many areas beyond the classroom, including mental health, bereavement and housing support. We offer a range of opportunities to our pupils, creating a high-quality educational experience, in a safe, creative and exciting learning environment.

I am proud that our schools maintain their own identity and characteristics, whilst joining a MAT that supports the strategy and school improvement journey, alongside the business elements of running an educational establishment, such as finance and HR. SHINE Academies has a mission to grow with likeminded schools joining our Trust, and whilst we have the capacity to support schools that need additional help in key areas, we are small enough to listen and work alongside our Headteachers to ensure support is tailored for their needs. All of our leaders recognise the need to evolve and take mitigated risks in order to ensure our pupils are ready for the challenges of secondary school and beyond.

Strong and robust governance is key to a successful MAT and I am lucky to work with some exceptional individuals who volunteer on our Member, Trust and Local Governing Boards. Each governance function aids the MAT delivery of its strategic objectives and ensures accountability of my role and that of other executive leaders within the MAT.

This is an exciting time to be part of SHINE Academies!

Gemma Draycott
Chief Executive Officer



Our Values

In 2024, our stakeholders developed a new set of values and a vision for SHINE Academies. These values are our drivers for change within all of our schools, and underpin everything that we do within the trust. We demonstrate working **COLLABORATIVELY**, with **COURAGE** and **COMPASSION** – we support staff and stakeholders to take calculated risks but always remember that children must be at the heart of everything that we do.

No matter the challenge, **SHINE** works **collaboratively** with **courage** and **compassion**, creating a child centered community

We launched our new values at our first Trust Collaboration Day in September 2024, which saw all our schools come together for the first time.

SHINE Academies Trust
Collaboration Day
4th September 2024



Click [here](#) to watch our values video

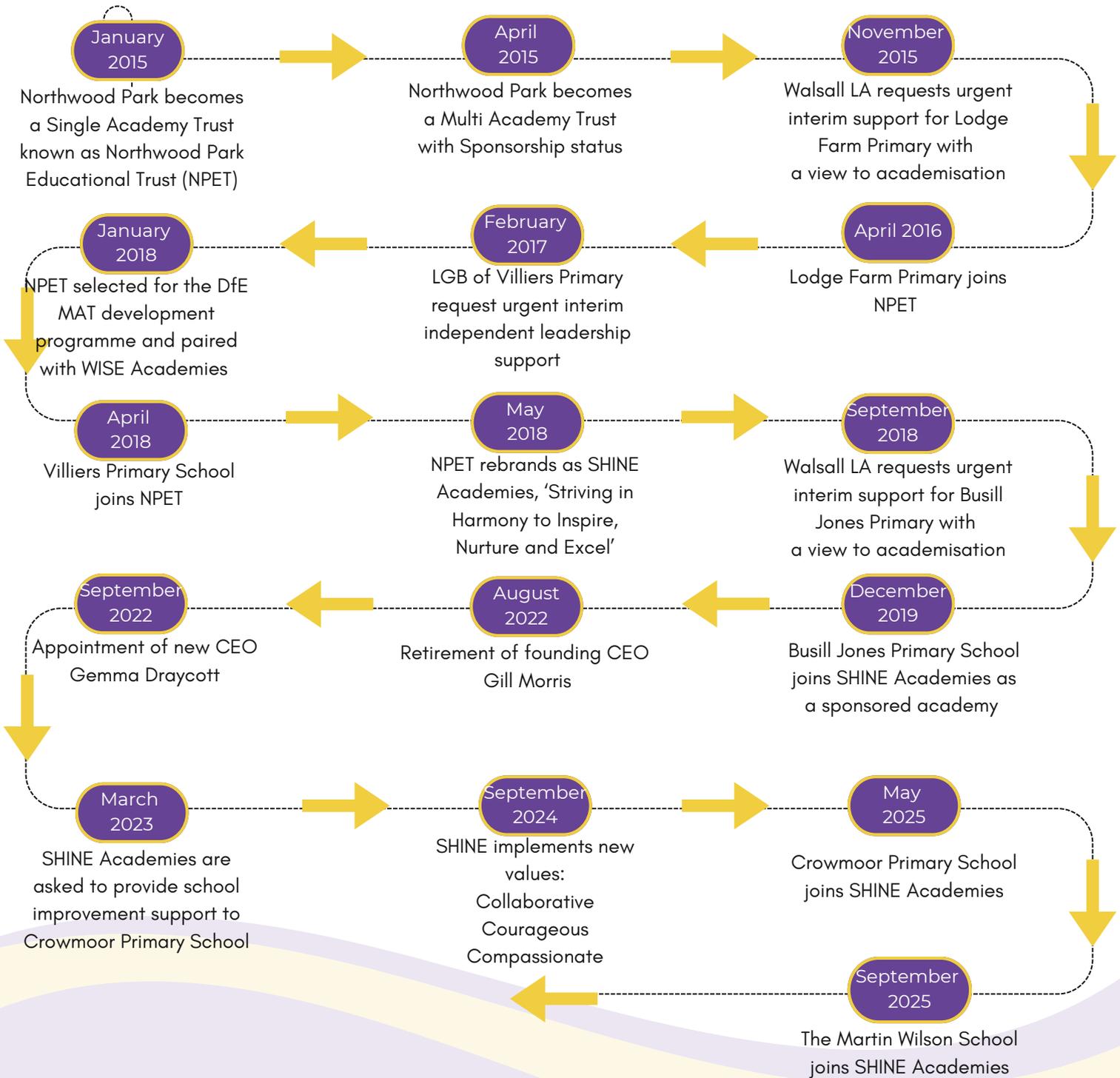
Our Values

Our most recent Trust Day, held on 5th January 2026, focused on our value of Courage. We were inspired by guest speakers Diana Osagie, Stephanie Davies and Matthew Holt, and also heard powerful personal stories from colleagues across the Trust who shared their own experiences of courage. The day also marked a special milestone as we hosted our first-ever SHINE Staff Awards.



We look forward to sharing details of our next Trust Day very soon.

Our Journey So Far



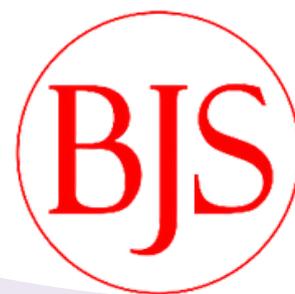
Our Schools

The Trust currently comprises of six schools: Northwood Park Primary School in Bushbury, Lodge Farm Primary School in Willenhall, Villiers Primary School in Bilston, Busill Jones Primary School in Bloxwich, Crowmoor Primary School in Shropshire and The Martin Wilson School in Shropshire. All our schools are large, and therefore progression opportunities are plentiful.

All our schools across SHINE Academies work collaboratively and to the same ethos. Our executive leadership, middle management teams, trust board, and local governing body are compassionate and supportive. Our talented, enthusiastic, and caring pupils are at the center of all that we do, and our staff are proud to be part of the SHINE family.

We recruit highly talented individuals for our schools, which are led by exceptionally talented Headteachers and their teams, who demonstrate a dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to their local community. We recognise talent and develop our staff to be the very best they can be through an intense internal and external CPD programme of support. Our staff and leaders refer to being part of an extended family.

We are proud of our SHINE family of Schools



Employee Benefits

We offer a range of employee benefits, including:



Excellent CPD Opportunities

**One term time wellbeing day
per year**



**Lifestyle & Shopping
Discounts**

**Employee Assistance
Programme**



**Generous Occupational
Pension Schemes**



Your Award-Winning Employee Benefits Provider



Working for SHINE Academies you will have access to our employee benefits platform in partnership with Vivup, a leading and award-winning employee benefits provider



24/7 counselling support, options include telephone, virtual and face to face counselling sessions

Online GP with video and telephone consultation options

Access to health and wellbeing resources such as recipes, podcasts & health assessments

Busill Jones Primary School Message from the Headteacher



Welcome to Busill Jones Primary School, home of the Busill Bees!

Busill is a family and we support each other to be our best. We are very proud to be at the heart of our local community; working together with our families, external agencies, other professionals and community groups to create a bright future for all.

Our children experience an exciting and varied curriculum taught by a dedicated team of staff who go above and beyond to support them. They have a wide range of opportunities to experience the world around them; trips to the theatre, activity weekends, sporting events and competitions are amongst just a few of the ways in which our Busill Bees spread their wings.

We are also very lucky to have such spacious classrooms and fantastic outside spaces to learn and play together. Our well stocked libraries, sensory room, reading sheds, outdoor classroom and even our amazing outdoor firepit ensure there is something for everyone!

Our values underpin everything that we do; Be Positive, Be Respectful and Be Your Best. We live by these values every day, demonstrating what it is to be a Brilliant Busill Bee!

Our Bees leave the hive with the confidence and skills to pursue their dreams, living our values and knowing that they will always be a part of the family.



Our doors are always open, come along and experience the buzz for yourself!

Nicola Bayliss
Headteacher





SHINE Academies

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Job Description

Job Purpose

To compliment the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for delivering agreed learning activities under an agreed system of supervision. This may involve routine planning, preparing and delivering learning activities for individuals/groups or short term for whole classes and monitoring pupils and assessing, recording and reporting on pupils achievement, progress and development.

Responsible for the making a contribution to the planning and delivery of programmes a specialist area within the school and/or supervision of other teaching assistants including allocation and monitoring of work, appraisal and training

Duties and responsibilities

Support for Teachers

- Organise and supervise appropriate learning environment and resources
- Within an agreed system of supervision, plan challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate
- Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through a range of pre-determined assessment and monitoring strategies against given learning objectives
- Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
- Record progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of range and level of progress and attainment
- Work within an established policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self-control and independence
- Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute to/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress/achievement etc.
- Administer and assess/mark tests and invigilate exams/tests
- Production of lesson plans, worksheet, plans etc.

Support for the Curriculum

- Deliver pre-determined learning activities to pupils within agreed system of supervision, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs
- Deliver local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills
- Use ICT effectively to support learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Select and prepare resources necessary to implement learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests and language and cultural backgrounds



- Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment

Support for Pupils

- Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning
- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations
- Develop and implement IEPs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom
- Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities
- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement
- Administer medication to pupils as and when required.

Support for the School

- Comply with and assist with the implementation of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils
- To develop appropriate multi-agency approaches to supporting pupils within agreed strategies.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of specialist expertise and use these to lead, advise and support others
- Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school
- Contribute to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class
- Within an agreed system of supervision and within a pre-determined lesson framework, teach whole classes.
- Assess pupils' responses to learning tasks and where appropriate, modify methods to meet individual and/or group needs.

The School 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 satisfactory safer recruitment checks including but not limited to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS clearance.

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Person Specification

Factors	Essential	Desirable	How Identified
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualification or experience • Excellent numeracy/literacy skills – equivalent to NVQ Level 2 in English and Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified to administer First Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Selection process
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to undertake professional and personal development to include in-service training days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Selection process
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have delivered lessons/activities, from planning provided, to a group of children • Experience working with children of relevant age in a learning environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality School Based experience • Working as part of a team • To have planned an activities for a group of children • To have been involved in the writing and assessment of IEP's and IBP's • To have experience of assessing pupil progress and to have kept up to date records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • References • Selection process
Skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can use ICT effectively to support learning • Full working knowledge of relevant polices/codes of practice/legislation • Working knowledge and experience of implementing national/foundation stage curriculum and 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • References • Selection process • Interview

	<p>other relevant learning programmes/strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good understanding of child development and learning processes • Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching • Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others • Ability to relate well to children and adults • Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these 		
<p>Personal Qualities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be fully committed to equality of opportunity for children, staff, parents and members of the wider community • To have high expectations • Ability and willingness to work as a member of a team • Ability to work effectively with all staff 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection process • Interview