



Job description: Lunchtime Server

Location	Meadow Park Academy, Reading
Contract term	1-year fixed term
Full time/term time	10 hours per week, Term time only (11.30am to 1.30pm Mon – Fri)
Pay range	RG2 SCP 3 to SCP 4 per annum, pro rata
Reporting to	Office Manager

Job purpose

To work as part of the Lunchtime Team and be responsible for serving school dinners, ensuring the safety and well-being of pupils during the lunch period in accordance with school policies.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Interact appropriately with the children at all times, in all environments and all weathers.
- Use initiative to ensure the smooth running of the kitchen area and serving of meals.
- Ensure the school kitchen and equipment is clean and tidy at the end of each lunchtime.
- Encouraging a safe and social lunchtime experience.
- Have high expectations of behaviour, ensuring that pupils behave in accordance with the school's behaviour policy, identifying and dealing with unacceptable behaviour.
- Support the Schools Behaviour Policy at all times.
- Maintain awareness of individual children's needs so that any behavioural issues can be dealt with in an informed and appropriate way.
- Demonstrate sensitivity when dealing with children and parents.
- Encourage acceptance and inclusion of all children in the school.
- Promote pupils' self-esteem.
- Report any matter of significance to the class teacher(s) or Headteacher if it is thought a child's wellbeing could be affected (in compliance with the school's health and Safety and Child Protection policy).
- Retain confidentiality at all times.
- Contribute to a positive school environment.
- Act as a good role model when interacting with children and set a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance.

Kitchen

- Ensure the kitchen is set up and ready to serve meals.
- Serve meals while following specific portion-control and dietary guidelines.
- Wash dishes, clean kitchen surfaces, and sweep floors to maintain a safe, sanitary environment.
- Monitor food storage temperatures, strictly adhere to allergy guidelines, and manage food waste safely.



- Assist the other members of the school community with the promotion and implementation of healthy eating
- Work in collaboration with the Midday Supervisors.

Dining Hall

- Promote the health, safety and welfare of the children in the school at all times.
- Encourage healthy eating.
- Work in collaboration with the Midday Supervisors.

Health and Safety responsibilities

- Work within the school's policies and procedures including safeguarding and health & safety.
- Ensure a child's safety and comfort if they are unwell, communicating with other staff.
- Comply with all relevant standards of safety, security and hygiene, ensuring that knowledge of the standards is up to date.
- Care for, maintain and clean the school environment, ensuring that communal areas such as dining hall are always clean and in order.
- Minor incidents to be dealt with but major issues referred to the caretaker. This is a shared responsibility with all staff.
- Report maintenance issues to the caretaker.

Professional Development Responsibilities

- Attend training courses as required, including some in-service days.
- Take responsibility for ensuring own knowledge is up to date and relevant, i.e. keeping abreast of current catering practices and other relevant areas such as health and Safety and Safeguarding Children.

Other Responsibilities

- Undertake any other duties instructed by the Headteacher.

This job description will be supported by the school improvement plan, which may identify key distinct tasks and responsibilities for this role in the school year. These will be derived from ongoing school self-evaluation and other local/ national priorities. The Post holder's duties must be carried out in compliance with the school's policies and procedures including child protection and safeguarding procedures.

These duties and responsibilities should be regarded as neither exhaustive nor exclusive as the post holder may be required to undertake other reasonably determined duties and responsibilities commensurate with the grading of the post.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful candidate.

Person specification: Lunchtime Server

Qualifications and training <i>Evidenced through: Application</i>	Essential	Desirable
Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene		✓
Paediatric First Aid Training		✓

Experience/employment record <i>Evidenced through: Application/Interview/References</i>	Essential	Desirable
Experience working with children of relevant age in a learning environment		✓
Experience supporting children with SEND		✓
Good understanding of child development and learning processes		✓

Personal qualities <i>Evidenced through: Application/Interview/References</i>	Essential	Desirable
Ability to relate to pupils in a positive way through encouragement, support and empathy.	✓	
The ability to converse at ease with members of the public and provide advice and information in accurate spoken English.	✓	
Ability to work as part of a team, and lead when required.	✓	
Ability to relate well to children and adults	✓	
Work constructively as part of a team, understanding roles and responsibilities and your own position within the school	✓	
Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others	✓	