

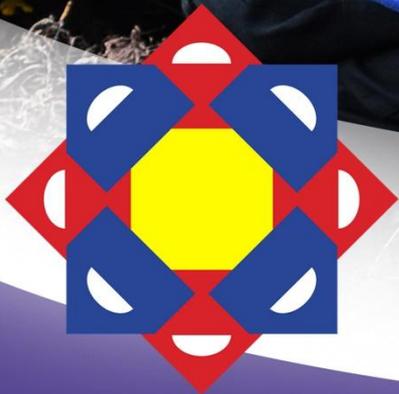


Inspire Education Trust

Together we achieve, individually we grow

# RECRUITMENT PACK

## SEN Teaching Assistant



**Stockingford**  
Academy



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## WELCOME FROM OUR CEO



It is my pleasure to welcome you to Inspire Education Trust.

At Inspire Education Trust we are passionate about making a difference to the lives of our pupils. They are at the heart of everything we do and we strive to inspire all learners, and want all our schools to be the best they can be and for each and every child, to discover the skills, abilities, talents and interests that lie within them.

We believe in working in partnership, enabling us to ensure all children and pupils achieve their full potential. Our schools know the impact that working collaboratively can bring.

Our schools have a desire to question, change and innovate to ensure that what they provide enables our children to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

At the same time, we recognise the importance for each school to retain and promote their individual identity. Every school has its own context and challenges. This is why we encourage our member schools to lead and manage in a way that preserves that individual identity and responds to the specific needs of their children and community.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management, underpinned by shared values and best practice is what makes our schools special.

**Lois Whitehouse – CEO**

## DEPUTY CEO



We put the quality of education at the core of our vision. Our school improvement strategies provide an excellent framework to deliver a truly broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum with an emphasis on co-curricular activities such as Arts, Music and Sports from age 2 to 18. We believe that every child is a powerful learner.

We are a progressive Trust with an excellent track record of Primary school improvement across our portfolio of 8 schools, 7 of which are Primary schools.



We have strong models of Primary school improvement alongside high-quality implementation and delivery. We have proven able to deliver high standards of education, systematically, through excellent improvement practice that incorporates knowledge building, evidence-informed professional development, and the creation of communities of improvement.

As a successful Trust we deploy the expertise of specialist primary teachers and leaders across our schools to ensure maximum impact.

The goal is for every member of staff, in every classroom to be as **good as they can be** in what they teach (the curriculum) and how they teach (pedagogy), e.g., paired planning time with subject/ teaching expert to develop teacher confidence and pedagogy.

Coaching conversations with teachers/ leaders so that developments come directly from them to motivate and signpost independent improvements through self-study documents such as WALKTHRUS and external courses. This will allow capacity to be enhanced so that teachers can then improve each other and hone/ innovate practice. Once practice is embedded and impactful, we would look to develop leaders of these areas externally to innovate and lead future practice in their school and more widely across the Trust.

We are constantly refining the way we support, challenge, and improve our schools. At the heart of our approach is first-class teaching.

**Rob Darling – Deputy CEO**

## ABOUT THE ROLE

<b>Post Title</b>	<b>SEN Teaching Assistant</b>
<b>Salary Range</b>	<b>Grade 3 point 4 - £19,600 pro rata (FTE £25,185)</b>
<b>Reporting to</b>	<b>Headteacher</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Permanent, 32.5 hours per week, TTO plus 5 days</b>
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Flexibility available</b>

### Job Purpose

To support the classroom teacher with their responsibility for the development and education process by providing care and supervision to children/young people, including those who have special physical, emotional and educational needs.



### **Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

Under the direction and control of the classroom teacher or designated supervisor:

- Supervise and support the teaching activities of individuals or groups of children/young people to ensure their safety and facilitate in their physical and emotional development.
- Use appropriate skills to undertake those activities necessary to meet the physical and emotional needs of individuals and groups of children/young people, including those pupils with special educational, physical or emotional needs.
- Monitor individual pupil's progress, achievements, problems, condition and development needs reporting to the responsible teacher as appropriate.
- Use appropriate skills when actively engaged in pre-determined educational activities and work programmes to encourage the intellectual and social development of pupils.
- Assist the teacher in the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care Programmes for individuals and groups of children.
- Promote inclusion and acceptance, support diversity and ensure pupils have equal access to learning and development.
- Provide opportunities for developing independence.

### **Other Duties:**

- Assist the teacher with the planning of learning activities in the classroom, preparing or modifying work for individuals or group of pupils as directed.
- Use strategies in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils providing feedback to them in relation to progress and achievement as directed.
- Prepare and maintain equipment and teaching resources for lessons and activities including the control of stock within the classroom.
- Undertake supervision and discipline of pupils within the procedures of the school/service, providing detailed and regular feedback as appropriate.
- Promote pupil independence in learning, social and mobility skills, reinforcing the pupil's self esteem through praise and encourage, setting challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence.
- Ensure that pupils are able to safely use equipment and materials provided.
- Assist with the implementation of programmes designed by other professionals such as educational psychologists and speech and language therapists.
- Assist the teacher in liaising with other professional staff and reporting information from/to parents/carers, contributing to meetings to discuss a specific child's progress as appropriate.
- Assist the teacher with the administration of baseline tests.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.



- Prepare/clear classroom as directed before and after lessons, including the preparation of visual aids, and the display and presentation of pupil's work.
- Provide support to the classroom teacher by undertaking photocopying, filing, recording and collecting monies as directed.
- Assist at an appropriate level, and within the school's protocols, with the provision of general care and welfare of pupils which may include: assist with the personal hygiene routines, e.g. toilet training, changing of incontinent children, dressing and undressing; the changing of soiled clothing and its disposal in an appropriate way; assisting with children's injuries and, where appropriately qualified, administering first aid; assist with the administering of medicines under the direction of the appropriate medical staff; assist with the identification and monitoring of children's general health and welfare.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Support and contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils outside of lesson times, including before and after school and during lunchtime.
- Assist with group activities within and away from the classroom/school, such as PE, swimming, educational visits.
- Participate in personal and professional development activities to meet the changing demands of the job, and encourage and support other staff in their development and training.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Assist the teacher in supporting volunteer helpers or students in the classroom.
- Any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.

All staff are expected to know what to do if they have concerns about a child, take on the responsibility for providing a safe environment and promoting children's welfare, undertake regular safeguarding and child protection training and, familiarise themselves with [KCSIE](#) part 1 and local policies and procedures as directed by the trust/academy.



# PERSON SPECIFICATION – SEN Teaching Assistant

		Essential	Desirable
<b>Education and Qualifications</b>	Relevant Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification	✓	
	A good standard of education including English & Maths (GCSE/Level 2)	✓	
	Evidence of professional development or learning		✓
	First Aid Trained		✓
<b>Experience</b>	A working knowledge and experience of supporting primary age pupils within a classroom setting		✓
	Experience of supporting pupils with challenging behaviour		✓
	Delivery and assessment of activities to students with SEND	✓	
	Experience of working with children with ASD		✓
	Experience of working with children with Speech and Language difficulties.		✓
<b>Skills and Knowledge</b>	Ability to prioritise tasks, work quickly, particularly under pressure and to deadlines	✓	
	Good communication skills in a variety of contexts in a sensitive and confidential manner with a wide range of people & groups	✓	
	Ability to work as part of a team	✓	
	Excellent interpersonal & organisational skills	✓	
	Dedicated to our vision that all children are entitled to a first-class education	✓	
	Possesses a genuine belief that all children are equal and celebrates the diversity in our school communities	✓	
	Self-motivated and able to work on own initiative without supervision	✓	
	Works with honesty and integrity	✓	
	Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviour	✓	
	Recognises the importance of protecting their own personal wellbeing	✓	
	Committed to making children feel happy, safe and secure	✓	



<b>Safeguarding and Child Protection</b>	Understands their role in safeguarding and protecting children or a keen willingness to learn this	✓	
	Develops appropriate professional boundaries with children. Knows not to build friendships	✓	
	Awareness of the key safeguarding processes in schools or willingness to understand these	✓	
	In-depth understanding of the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education		✓
	A realistic appreciation of the challenges involved in working with children		✓
	Committed to improving safeguarding processes and practices. Sees it as part of their job		✓
<b>Professional Development</b>	Willing to participate in further appropriate professional development	✓	
	Positive approach to own continuous personal professional development and training		✓



# STOCKINGFORD ACADEMY



**Stockingford**  
Academy

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**2-FORM ENTRY**

**NUMBER OF PUPILS: 495**

**NUMBER OF STAFF: 86**

**BASED IN: NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE**

## WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER



Welcome to Stockingford Academy. Stockingford Academy is a vibrant, happy school with a real family feel. We are proud that many former pupils now choose to send their own children to Stockingford and indeed some, even choose us as their place of work!

Our mission statement, 'Nurturing hearts, inspiring minds, shaping futures' captures the fact that we pride ourselves on getting to know the passions and talents of each child, celebrating and respecting their differences and recognising their individual and team successes. Stockingford pupils will develop a lifelong love of learning, a deep curiosity about the world around them and a knowledge that they can aspire to be whatever they choose to be.

To ensure that all children achieve their very best at Stockingford, we believe it is essential for children to feel safe, secure, and happy. Our nurturing environment supports children to reflect on their own needs, become independent, develop resilience, and think creatively. Our focus is on children becoming confident, well-rounded citizens of the world, and developing emotional, social and academic intelligence.



Stockingford Academy is part of the Inspire Education Trust family of schools. We work closely together with Walsgrave CE Academy, Clifford Bridge Academy, Whittle Academy, Hearsall Community Academy, Frederick Bird Academy, Arley Primary Academy and Blue Coat Church of England School. We are able to offer support to one another, collaborate as teachers and leaders and ensure that we are at the forefront of changes in education. We fully embrace the vision of the MAT: "Together we achieve, individually we grow." We believe whole-heartedly in our partnership with you as parents and members of the community. Our aim is that you feel valued and will work with us to support your child's learning at home.



Children, staff, parents, friends, and governors contribute to Stockingford Academy being the very special place that it is. We are keen to share what makes our school such a great place to grow and so, if you would like to find out more about our school, please do call in – our door is always open.

**Matt Woods – Headteacher**



## ABOUT INSPIRE EDUCATION TRUST

Inspire Education Trust is an Multi Academy Trust that grew from a shared belief that children deserve a first-class education, so that each child and student understands what they are capable of, and what talents they have, and strives for excellence in themselves to succeed in the next stage of their education and the world of work.



### Inspire Education Trust

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We understand that every member of our staff is here for the best interest of our children. With them, we want to ensure that every child is valued and that the unique identity of each of our schools is protected, celebrated, and recognised for the contribution it makes to ensuring our pupils have the best education and experiences.

#### Inspire Education Trust is made up of 8 schools.

- Arley Primary School, New Arley, Warwickshire (2024)
- Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College, Stoke, Coventry (2020)
- Clifford Bridge Academy, Binley, Coventry (2015)
- Frederick Bird Primary School, Hillfields, Coventry (2024)
- Hearsall Community Academy, Earlsdon, Coventry (2017)
- Stockingford Academy, Nuneaton, Warwickshire (2019)
- Walsgrave Church of England Academy, Walsgrave, Coventry (2015)
- Whittle Academy, Walsgrave, Coventry (2015)

#### Our Trust Motto encapsulates the beliefs and ideals of our family of schools.

*"Together we achieve, individually we grow"*

**OUR TRUST**

- Arley Primary Academy
- Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College
- Clifford Bridge Academy
- Frederick Bird Academy
- Hearsall Community Academy
- Stockingford Academy
- Walsgrave Church of England Academy
- Whittle Academy

### KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

7 PRIMARIES & 1 SECONDARY

MIXED MAT – 2 CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

5,000+ PUPILS AS OF JAN 2024

709 STAFF

OPERATING OVER 2 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

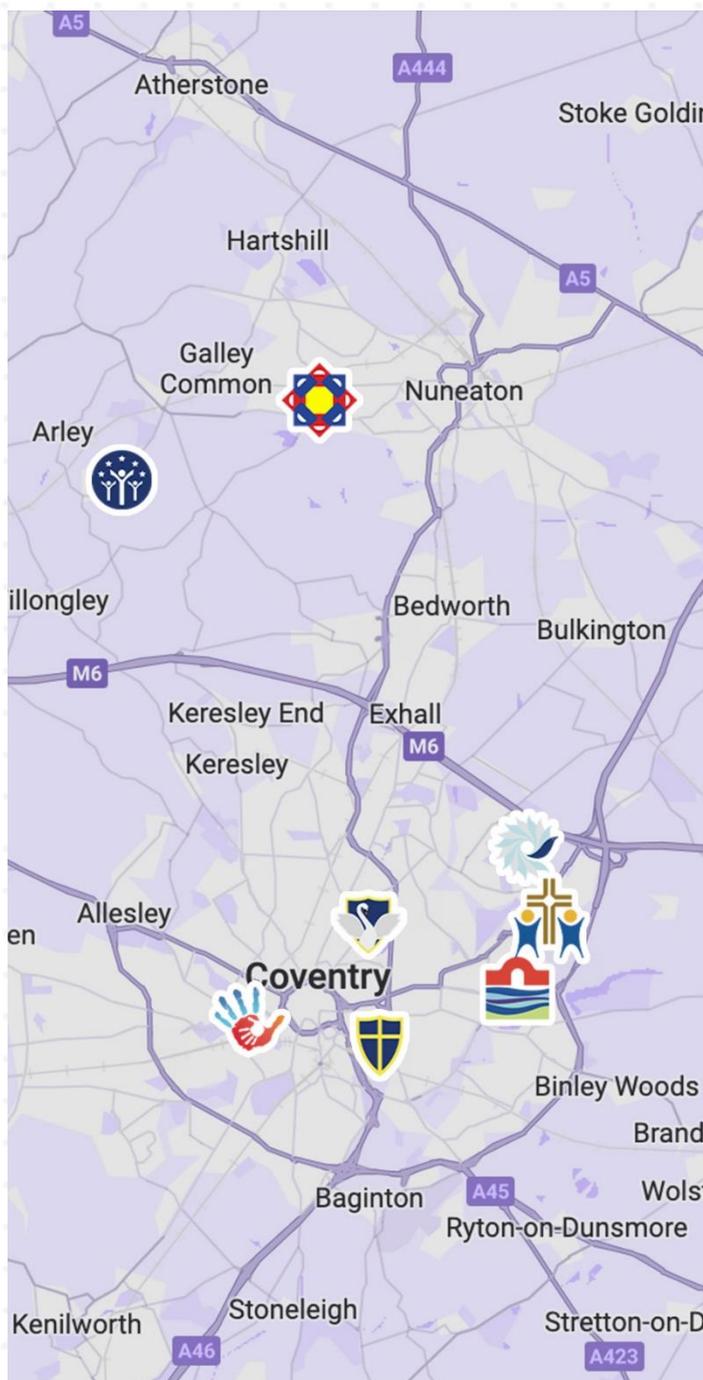


The mission statement for our Trust is “Together we achieve, individually we grow’. We aim to ensure that our academies will provide an **environment which is welcoming, caring and purposeful**, where we will encourage our pupils to be the best they can be, whilst supporting them pastorally and helping them develop socially. We want our children to enjoy school, have fun and develop a love of learning.

We have a **Board of Directors** and **Members** who hold the schools to account and work closely with the Local Governing Bodies of each school who support and challenge the outcomes and quality of teaching and learning. We have **strong links** with the **Coventry Diocesan Board of Education** reflecting the church status of our faith schools, Blue Coat School and Music College and Walsgrave Church of England Academy.

As schools, we are committed to sharing the good practice that exists in all the schools and we have numerous opportunities for **joint training days** and **shared professional development** for support and teaching staff across the Trust. Staff have welcomed this collaboration and we have retained quality staff and promoted from within.

We strive to maintain academies which will retain their **own independent culture and ethos** whilst operating within a strategic partnership to improve quality, share best practices and operate effectively and efficiently. We firmly believe that “**Expectations Shape Outcomes**” and we expect the very best for all members of our school’s communities.





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## STAFF WELLBEING & SUPPORT 'THE LITTLE THINGS'

At Inspire Education Trust, we are committed to working towards the best balance of hard work, commitment and wellbeing as well as avoiding the burden of unnecessary tasks. Our trust leaders aspire that all colleagues are fit, well and content at work. Some of the little but important things we give back to staff are listed below; new ideas are always welcome.



External coffee van visits site for staff use



Support for new staff starters who join Inspire Education Trust (e.g buddy pairing)



Calendars regularly reviewed with staff workload in mind



No Student or class data collected for data's sake



Prayer and worship time across our CofE schools



8 free external counselling sessions for all staff



PPA time designed to promote a healthy work life balance



Dedicated classroom wherever possible for all teaching staff



Free Wellbeing App Subscription



Time off for staff wellbeing



Staff wellbeing integral to the appraisal process.



Enhanced paternity leave for all staff - 1 week at full pay and 1 week at Statutory Paternity Pay



Gym and fitness membership discount through CV-Life (based in Coventry)



Flexible and generous approach to family appointments, children's events, nativities, sports days etc



Opportunities for staff to get involved in sport and physical activity



Opportunities for career development always considered



Measured approach to lesson drop-ins



Staff marking & workload group to guide and develop policy



Communications protocol which promotes a healthy work life balance



Cycle to work scheme



Approachable Senior Leadership Teams



Staff social events (e.g time to talk)



Staff wellbeing champion network of support



EAP (Employee Assistance Programme) - Health Assured



Employer pension contributions of 23% + for teaching and support staff.



Generous holiday allowance for all year-round support staff (28 days annual leave, plus 8 bank holidays. Increasing to 33 days after 5 years of service)



Access to trained Mental Health First-Aiders for all Staff



## MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applications for this post will only be accepted using the electronic application form on the My New Term website: <https://www.ietrust.org/vacancies/>

The closing date for applications is 9am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Heather Parsons to arrange an initial conversation by emailing [Admin2121@stockingfordacademy.org](mailto:Admin2121@stockingfordacademy.org)

Shortlisting will take place, and all candidates will then be contacted by email.

Shortlisted candidates will need to be available for interview on week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

If you have any questions relating to the application process, see the FAQ's page and if you still have a question - please do let us know by contacting Catherine Alexander-Gamble [Catherine.alexander-gamble@ietrust.org](mailto:Catherine.alexander-gamble@ietrust.org)

We look forward to hearing from you.





## HOW TO FIND US

If you arrange a visit or are successfully shortlisted for an interview, then you will need to visit our school. Please see the below for guidance and directions on how to find Stockingford Academy.



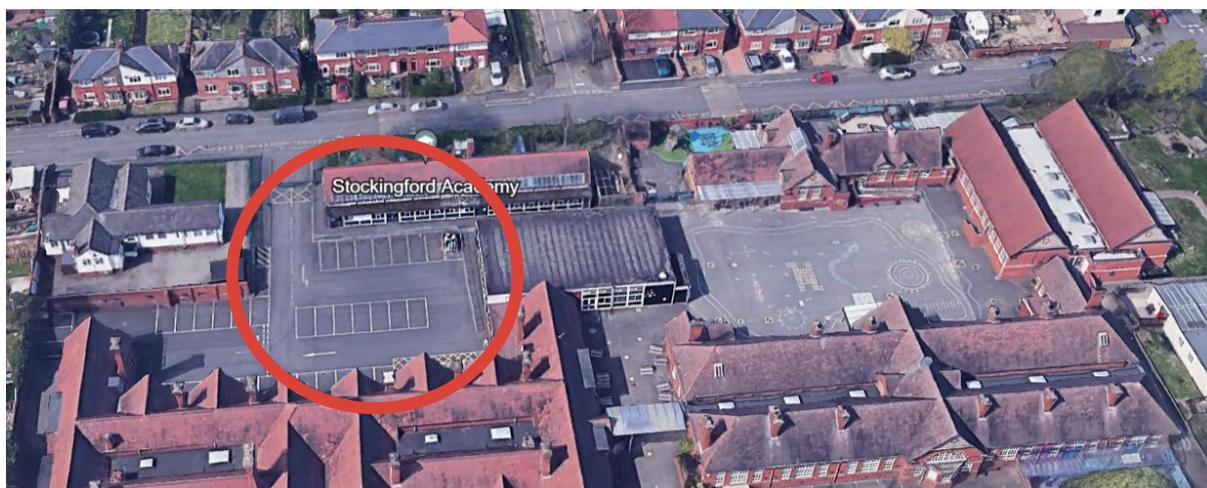
## ADDRESS

Stockingford Academy  
Cross Street  
Nuneaton  
CV10 8JH

*A 7-minute drive from George Eliot Hospital, and a 10-minute drive from Nuneaton Rail Station.*

## PARKING

As you arrive at the back gate, you can ring an intercom to request access to the car park, but you will also need to ask them to send someone to collect you from here. There is also a lot of road parking around the school normally which would be easier for you to access the main office. Please see below for guidance. Car park circled.





Main reception

# RECRUITMENT PRIVACY NOTICE INSPIRE EDUCATION TRUST



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## Who is collecting your data?

Inspire Education Trust is a data controller for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation and domestic legislation. The personal data that you provide will be used in connection with your application for vacancies at the Trust. If we make an offer of employment, the Trust will provide a fully informed privacy notice to employees.

## Why are we collecting your data?

- So we can process your application to the next stage
- Check and verify your identity
- Ensure your suitability for the position advertised including contacting references from your noted referees, provided you have confirmed their consent to be contacted for this purpose
- For research, analysis and statistical purposes
- Meet our statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010

## What is being collected?

The information you provide us within submitted forms is collected to enable us to consider your suitability for the vacancy. This includes:

- Name and contact details (phone number, email and address).
- Previous work history and experience
- Education, training and qualifications
- Referee contact details

We also process special category data such as:

- Religion
- Ethnicity
- Disability Issues

We ensure we keep our records up to date by logging these on the TES platform in which you made your application. If you are successful in your application, we will provide you with further details about how we will process your personal data.

## Do we share your data?

Information on application forms and notes made during the interview process are not shared if an offer of employment is not made. If an application is successful, a workforce privacy notice will be provided to you, detailing how we will use your personal data.

## Your Rights.

You can see your rights in relation to the application by visiting <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters>

## Retention

Unsuccessful candidates' application forms will be destroyed after 6 months.

Successful applicants will be provided with a fully informed employee privacy notice alongside their contract. The information provided on this form will be stored with the successful applicant's personnel file. This is kept in line with the School's record retention schedule. This can be found on the School website.

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