

# JOB DESCRIPTION



## SENIOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**Responsible to:** Vice Principal (Safeguarding & Social Care)

**Main purpose:**

Deliver and lead a specialist physiotherapy service within Valence School, providing high-quality, evidence-based interventions for children and young people with complex physical and medical needs. The post holder will provide clinical leadership, line management, and contribute to service development within a multidisciplinary school-based therapy team.

**Duties and responsibilities:**

**Clinical Practice:**

- Manage a caseload of students with complex physical needs
- Deliver a specialist physiotherapy service including assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based interventions
- Apply specialist knowledge of complex medical and surgical conditions to support students and work in partnership with families.
- Support physical managements and moving & handling practice across the school, providing clinical advice and guidance.
- Deliver individual and group therapy programmes
- Maintain accurate and compliant clinical records

**Communication and Multidisciplinary Working:**

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with internal colleagues and external agencies, including community and tertiary services
- Use excellent interpersonal and negotiation skills to support complex case management and positive outcomes for students and families.
- Contribute to clinical reports, EHCP documentation, annual reviews and review meetings as required.
- Provide advice and practical guidance to staff and families
- Provide timely activity data, incident reports and service information in line with school and therapy team requirements.

**Service Contribution and Professional Practice:**

- Contribute to clinical audit, service evaluation and development activities
- Support implementation of evidence-base practice

- Maintain compliance with Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) and Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists (APCP) professional standards, national guidance and school policies.
- Maintain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and participate in supervision
- Adhere to safeguarding and school policies

#### **Training and Support:**

- Line manage physiotherapists, therapy assistants and students, providing supervision, mentoring and professional support.
- Provide informal training and advice to staff
- Support therapy programmes delivered by assistants (non-managerial)
- Comply with all Valence School policies including safeguarding, health and safety, equality and diversity, confidentiality and data protection.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken, commensurate with the post. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the postholder will carry out. This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

This role involves contact with and responsibility for children and young people and will be engaged in regulated activity. The law requires this position to have an enhanced criminal background check. This is to protect children and vulnerable adults and to safeguard positions of trust. The position is therefore exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act. If your application is taken further, you will be asked to declare details of any criminal record, even convictions that are 'spent' according to the act. If you are offered the post this information will be checked against DBS.