

## St Mark's Church of England Primary School

**Apprentice Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Teaching Assistant – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**

**32.5 hours per week, term time only plus 5 days**

**The apprenticeship will take 18 months to complete**

**£8.00 per hour for the first 12 months, increasing to minimum wage for the remaining 6 months**

St Mark's Church of England Primary School is offering an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic individual to begin or further develop a career as a Teaching Assistant within our Early Years provision.

Our EYFS setting is supported by a dedicated and experienced team who are committed to nurturing staff development within a welcoming, enabling, and engaging environment.

The successful candidate will primarily be based in our two-year-old provision, which opened in September 2025. Due to its success and growing popularity, the provision is expanding from ten to fifteen places. There will also be opportunities to work within our main nursery and reception classes as required.

By undertaking an apprenticeship, you will be provided with full training to become a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. You will be fully supported in the workplace by the apprenticeship training provider (Stockton Riverside College), the Trust Early Years Lead and the rest of the Early Years team. It is anticipated that you will need to attend College one day a week.

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and nurturing person who:

- Has a good general education to GCSE level or equivalent, including Maths and English;
- Has a positive work ethic;
- Is committed to working in a team environment;
- Is nurturing, empathetic and dedicated to making a difference to young people's lives.

St Mark's Church OF England is part of One Excellence Multi Academy Trust. One Excellence is a Multi Academy Trust made up of four schools. The Trust was founded in July 2017 and is a mixed Multi Academy Trust. The vision and rationale behind the wider partnership are based on shared values and aspirations, a strong sense of community identity and values of inclusion and aspiration for all.

One Excellence Multi Academy Trust believes in supporting and investing in its staff and has a structured health and well-being programme. The programme includes physiotherapy, nurse support service and drop-in clinic, counselling, mindfulness sessions, weight management, stress awareness, GP consultations and private medical operations if required. We are also keen for staff to be able to reach their full potential and offer a range of professional development opportunities in all areas of education, nurturing and leadership.

**Disclosure:** We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to enhanced clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce, and we positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. Applicants with disabilities will be invited for interview if the essential job criteria are met. Where our roles are customer facing and you are required to speak to members of the public, the



ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post. As a disability confident employer, we are committed to employing disabled people and people with health conditions making reasonable adjustments to support disabled applicants when required.

If you think this post is for you, please contact Laurie Kidd, Trust Early Years Lead, for an informal discussion on (01642) 580774.

Please apply using the following link: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/144551/EDV-2026-SMCEPS-01180>

Closing date: 9.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Interview date: to be confirmed