



Job Description

Deputy Headteacher

Contract type: Full-time permanent

Reporting to: Headteacher

Location: Serenity School Coulsdon

Main purpose

The deputy headteacher, under the direction of the headteacher, will take a major role in:

- Formulating the aims and objectives of the school
- Establishing policies for achieving these aims and objectives
- Managing staff and resources to that end
- Monitoring progress towards the achievement of the school's aims and objectives
- If the headteacher is absent, the deputy headteacher will deputise, as directed by the governing board.
- The deputy headteacher will also be expected to fulfil the professional responsibilities of a headteacher, as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).

Duties and responsibilities

Qualities and knowledge

Under the direction of the headteacher:

- Support with the day-to-day management of the school
- Communicate the school's vision compellingly and support strategic leadership
- Lead by example, holding and articulating clear values and moral purpose, and focusing on providing excellent education for all pupils
- Build positive relationships with all members of the school community, showing positive attitudes to them
- Keep up to date with developments in education, and have a good knowledge of education systems locally, nationally and globally
- Work with political and financial astuteness, translating policy into the school's context
- Seek training and continuing professional development to meet own needs

Pupils and staff

Under the direction of the headteacher:

- Demand ambitious standards for all pupils, instilling a strong sense of accountability in staff for the impact of their work on pupil outcomes
- Ensure excellent teaching in the school, including through training and development for staff
- Establish a culture of 'open classrooms' as a basis for sharing best practice
- Create an ethos within which all staff are motivated and supported to develop their skills and knowledge
- Identify emerging talents, coaching current and aspiring leaders
- Hold all staff to account for their professional conduct and practice

Systems and processes

Under the direction of the headteacher:

- Ensure that the school's systems, organisation and processes are well considered, efficient and fit for purpose
- Provide a safe, calm and well-ordered environment for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing exemplary behaviour
- Implement systems for managing the performance of all staff, addressing any underperformance, supporting staff to improve and valuing excellent practice
- Work with the governing board as appropriate
- Support strategic, curriculum-led financial planning to ensure effective use of budgets and resources
- Support distribution of leadership throughout the school

The self-improving school system

Under the direction of the headteacher:

- Create an outward-facing school which works with other schools and organisations to secure excellent outcomes for all pupils
- Develop effective relationships with fellow professionals
- Model entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to school improvement and leadership
- Inspire and influence others to believe in the fundamental importance of education in young people's lives and to promote the value of education

Other areas of responsibility

The deputy headteacher will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the deputy headteacher will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher.

Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified teacher status • Degree • Professional development in preparation for a leadership role
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful leadership and management experience in a school • Teaching experience a minimum number of 5 years' experience • Involvement in school self-evaluation and development planning • Line management experience • Experience of contributing to staff development • SEND and safeguarding of children
Skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data analysis skills, and the ability to use data to set targets and identify weaknesses • Solid grasp of curriculum and assessment models suitable for a special school • Understanding of high-quality teaching, and the ability to model this for others and support others to improve • Understanding of school finances and financial management • Effective communication and interpersonal skills • Ability to communicate a vision and inspire others • Ability to build effective working relationships
Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school • Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding and equality • Ability to engage with all stakeholders and embrace community cohesion

Notes:

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

Please note that there is no staff parking available onsite; however, the school provides a shuttle service to and from Coulsdon South Station for staff convenience.

Headteacher/line manager's signature: _____

Date: _____

Postholder's signature: _____

Date: _____