



Orton Wistow Primary School
Level 2 Teaching Assistant
(SEND)
Recruitment Pack





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About Orton Wistow Primary School

Headteacher: Colin Marks



Welcome to Orton Wistow Primary School and thank you for your interest in our school.

Our PRIDE code (Polite, Respect, Independence, Do Your Best and Everybody Matters) underpins everything we do at Orton Wistow Primary School. It is these values that ensure our pupils become well-rounded citizens who will go on to make a positive contribution to society. Along with our Learning Tools (Responsibility, Resilience, Perseverance, Concentration and Teamwork) we instil in our pupils a love of learning that they will take with them into the future.

The safety, support, happiness and education of the children who attend our school are our priorities. We continue to build on our success each year, never standing still and always looking for what will make a positive difference for our pupils. Our curriculum reflects the needs of our learners and has been developed by

the experienced and passionate staff that work here. We focus on the key knowledge, skills, understanding and vocabulary the children will need in each subject, building on the previous year's learning as they move through the school.

The amazing community and dedication from all groups associated with the school - staff, governors, parents and the pupils - contribute to our aim of developing the whole child within and beyond the curriculum. We work together to motivate our learners, always encouraging their creativity and curiosity.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know our school, we look forward to meeting you in person.

We pride ourselves on the rich, diverse and exciting experiences that we provide children and that as they move through the school, the children develop the skills that they need to be able to take on responsibilities and important roles in school.





A Brief History

Meridian Trust, formerly known as Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT), is a values-led Trust and has risen to be one of the highest performing academy groups in the country. Our Trust was first formed as an educational trust to create a federation of schools in 2006 with a desire to provide high quality and dynamic education for everyone, right in the heart of our community. Through various government policies, our commitment to collaboration has remained consistent.

Meridian Trust was formed in 2011 to deliver more widely on that clear vision to provide high quality and dynamic education for all at the heart of the communities we serve. Our steady growth since then reflects our commitment to the communities we serve and our track record of success. The period since 2018 has seen an increase in speed of growth as many long term projects matured and our relationship with Sharnbrook Academy Federation emerged.

Our Trust currently consists of 36 schools, 19 primary schools, 13 secondary schools, 3 special schools and 1 all-through. The secondary schools include a University Technology College, an Upper School, four 11-16 schools and six 11-18 schools. We also have 2 new secondary free schools in development. All within 20 miles of Cambridge and Peterborough and the main communication routes between. We merged with Cambridge Primary Education Trust to become the Meridian Trust in April 2022. In addition to operating schools, we are the home of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Teaching School Hub, and train more than 150 new teachers each year through Meridian Trust ITT. We retain a strong commitment to growing and

supporting staff throughout their training and career development. We have a proven track record of school improvement and transforming the lives of children and young people over the last 10 years.

Students thrive in Meridian Trust academies as a result of the implementation of our values, our successful and proven systems and our commitment to valuing people. We are among the highest performing multi-academy trusts in the country for student progress. Our academies are well-run and our staff benefit from excellent access to professional development.

Our commitment to the education system goes beyond just our own academies. We operate 'The Cambridge Partnership', one of the largest initial teacher training providers in the country which has recently merged with the SAF ITT, and 'Leadership East' these further strengthen our capacity and commitment to professional development. We also provide support through various SLAs to a number of other trusts and academies.

As a strong, regional multi-academy trust we currently operate schools across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Peterborough, and Northamptonshire. We are proud to have strong partnerships within all these communities.



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Trust Vision, Mission and Values

Our values and who we are:

Meridian Trust is a successful multi-academy trust founded on its commitment to people and communities.

Our proven approach over more than a decade has elevated us to a respected and admired academy trust, a national leader in education and a source of great pride to the communities we serve.

Every child is known, equally valued and supported to achieve their potential in all our academies. Every community we serve benefits from the facilities and services we provide.

Our staff benefit from strong networks, excellent career opportunities and a human approach where they are equally valued and supported.

We ensure that well-run schools retain and develop their distinct contextual identity, while sharing and contributing to Meridian Trust values, practices, curriculum approaches and operational systems.

Our Vision:

High-quality educational provision for all at the heart of local communities.

Our Mission:

To deliver, promote and inspire high quality educational provision in schools at the heart of their local communities so that:

- Young people become successful learners and confident, empowered individuals;

- Young people are encouraged to think for themselves and act for others, equipping them with the values, attributes, knowledge and skills to make a rewarding contribution to society;
- Every school is a hub for community activities, a centre for extended services and a source of immense pride for students, their families, and other local stakeholders;
- Our staff benefit from strong networks, excellent career opportunities and a human approach where they are equally valued and supported;
- Well-run schools retain and develop their distinct contextual identity while sharing and contributing to the Meridian Trust values, practices, curriculum approaches and operational systems.

The enactment of our values for staff:



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Engaged, developed, supported, and consulted.



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Experts who strive for continual development. Collaborative networks, trusted to deliver.



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Set ambitious goals and model what success looks like. Eager to improve.



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Make connections, provide opportunities. Generous and sharing of knowledge and expertise.



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Are accountable for the outcomes we contribute towards and strive for the very best.



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Why work for us

Meridian Trust aims to be the employer of choice for the communities we serve. Since 2010 we have nurtured and developed the careers of many people. You can read about some of those journeys in the 'Meridian Trust People' section of this website. We are committed to making a difference to young people's lives and the communities we serve. Help us make our mission a reality.

Benefits:

As a multi-academy trust of 36 schools, Meridian Trust can provide a wide network of opportunities for collaboration and career development for both teaching and support staff. With an initial teaching training facility and a teaching hub network within our Trust, there are ample opportunities to both, get into teaching, and develop within the profession.

- As well as the above we also offer:
- Unlimited access to CPD via Meridian Learning
- Free annual eye tests
- Access to a free Employee Assistance Programme, offering mental health and wellbeing support
- Unlimited value cycle to work scheme

To see the full range of benefits available, please visit [Employee Benefits - Meridian Trust](#)

How to apply

To apply please complete the online form on MyNewTerm . Your supporting statement should address and evidence the selection criteria detailed in the Person Specification.

Closing Date: 01/05/2026

Interviews: 05/05/2026

Applying:

For any questions about the application process please contact:

Sophie Laycock – HR Officer

Email: slaycock@meridiantrust.co.uk

Meridian Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All appointments will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks including enhanced DBS disclosure. We are committed to diversity & inclusion and equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships. Meridian Trust is committed to safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check. We expect all adults who work for the Trust to share our commitment to safeguarding and the health and wellbeing of our students.



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JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title:	Teaching Assistant – Level 2
JD Reference:	STD TA 02
School/Academy:	Orton Wistow Primary School
Weeks:	39 Weeks
Hours of work:	27.5 Hours
Salary:	Grade 5
Responsible to:	SENCO

Role:	To support the teaching of students
Purpose of job:	Working under the direction of the Class Teacher to enable access to learning for students and to aid the Class Teacher in the management of students and the classroom

Responsibilities and Accountabilities:

Support for Students:

- Under the guidance of the Class Teacher undertake work/care/support programmes to enable access to learning for students
- Take responsibility for adapting and delivering learning activities with individuals or small groups who would receive help from a different learning approach as agreed
- Encourage and promote the inclusion and acceptance of all students
- Aid the learning of students by:
 - Clarifying and explaining instructions
 - Ensure that the child can use the equipment and materials supplied
 - Motivate and encourage the child as needed
 - Support students in respect of local and national learning strategies, e.g., literacy, numeracy, KS3, KS4, ICT etc
 - Develop the correct resources to support the students
 - Help students to concentrate and to finish the work set
 - Liaise with the Class Teacher about Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
 - Supply feedback to students about progress and achievement under the guidance of the Teacher
- Provide personal and intimate care to students including tasks associated with continence and menstrual management, washing, toileting and dressing.

Support for Teachers:

- Organise the learning environment and develop classroom resources as needed
- Monitor and track progress and provide feedback to aid in developing IEPs for children with additional needs
- Supply detailed and regular feedback to teachers on students' achievement, progress, problems, etc
- Contribute to the management of student behaviour, including anticipating and preventing potential problems from arising
- Undertake support activities for the Teacher as needed

Support for the Curriculum:

- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies - e.g., literacy, numeracy, KS3, KS4 - recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop students' competence and independence in its use
- Supply targeted support to enhance learning and improve attainment

Support for the School:

- Be aware of, and follow, policies and procedures, e.g., child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality, and data protection, reporting all concerns to a suitable person
- Accompany staff and students on visits, trips and out-of-school activities as needed
- Develop and keep effective relationships with other staff, parents, and carers
- Attend relevant meetings as needed

Support for School/Academy/Place of work:

- Participate in staff events by arrangement
- Attend Staff Meeting
- Contribute and take part in Trust events and activities where possible
- Develop and keep effective working relationships with other staff and parents/carers
- Adhere to the Trust values
- Follow school policies, practices, and procedures

Data security:

- Act in accordance with legal provisions regulating confidentiality and security of data and information in accordance with GDPR regulations

Health and Safety:

- Be aware of the responsibility for personal Health, Safety and Welfare and that of others who may be affected by your actions or inactions
- Co-operate with the Trust on all issues to do with Health, Safety & Welfare
- Work/operate all equipment within Health and Safety and other legal regulations, including risk assessment
- Contribute to the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment

Continuing Professional Development:

- In conjunction with the line manager, take responsibility for personal professional development, keeping up to date with research and developments related to school/academy/place of work efficiency, which may lead to improvements in the day-to-day running of the Trust
- Undertake any necessary and identified professional development taking full advantage of any relevant training and development available, particularly when related to the use of ICT, for data management and record keeping
- Maintain a professional portfolio of evidence to support the Performance Management process – evaluating and improving own practice

Child Protection and Safeguarding

- The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people. The post holder also has an implicit duty to promote the welfare of all children and young people
- Inform the Child Protection Officer of any issues relating to the safety and well-being of students

The post holder will undertake any other duties equal to the grade of the post, in consultation with the line manager.

This job description is subject to review and may be changed following consultation with the post holder. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks but sets out the main expectations of the Trust in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

All staff will be subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure & Barring Service.

Updated: February 2026

Person Specification Teaching Assistant Level 2	Assessment Key: A = Application Form I = Interview
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Education and Qualification		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
1	Good educational background with GCSE or equivalent in English Language and Maths	✓		A
2	Level 2 or above Teaching Assistant qualification or willingness to work towards this		✓	A
Experience		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
3	Experience of supporting children in a classroom environment, including those with a range of learning needs or challenging behaviour		✓	A/I
4	Experience of working with children across all key stages with evidence of having achieved successful pupil outcomes		✓	A/I
Knowledge and understanding		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
5	An understanding of the education system	✓		A/I
6	A good knowledge of the SEND Code of Practice		✓	A/I
7	Understanding of how children learn	✓		A/I
8	Understanding of phonics, numeracy, and literacy development	✓		I
9	A sound grasp of the concept of inclusive practice	✓		I
10	Knowledge of the concept of confidentiality	✓		I
11	Awareness of child protection issues	✓		I

12	First aid certificate		✓	A
Skills and abilities		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
13	Good at making and sustaining positive relationships with children	✓		I
14	Good at developing children's self-esteem and motivation so that they become resilient, independent learners	✓		I
15	Able to work closely with pupils who are finding learning difficult, or those who have experienced a feeling of failure	✓		I
16	Good written and oral communication skills	✓		I
17	Ability to contribute to team meetings and contribute ideas	✓		I
Personal Qualities		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
18	Willingness to undergo further training and development	✓		I
19	Positive and enthusiastic approach towards work	✓		I
20	Ability to act on own initiative	✓		I
21	Kindness and empathy towards students and colleagues	✓		I
22	Ability to work as part of a team effectively	✓		I
Child Protection		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
23	Support the Academy policies on safeguarding and child protection	✓		A/I
Other		Essential	Desirable	Assessment
24	Flexibility of working hours	✓		A/I