

JOB DESCRIPTION – School Administrator

Job title: School Administrator

Reporting to: Head

Bridge Schools is committed to creating a diverse workforce. We will consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to sex, race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, age, disability, marriage or civil partnership.

Main purpose

The administrator is responsible for supporting with the administrative, financial and organisational processes within the school. They will also act as the initial point of contact for parents, visitors and other stakeholders so will be an ambassador for the school and embody the value, vision and ethos of the school and Trust in all interactions.

Duties and responsibilities

General administration

- Update manual and computerised record/information systems
- Update and maintain the school events calendar
- Assist with managing the school's email inbox, ensuring the school meets its expected response times and emails are forwarded to the relevant staff member as necessary
- Manage and organise completed forms from parents
- Report any issues regarding Sites or IT to the relevant central team via Sites Helpdesk and IT Helpdesk emails
- Organise and distribute incoming and outgoing post
- Provide administrative support to staff as needed
- Order, monitor and manage stock, ensuring best value following the Trust's purchasing processes
- Carry out filing, printing and photocopying. Maintain the operation of the printer and photocopier to ensure it's ready to use at all times, resolving any issues as necessary
- Assist with organising parents' evenings and other meetings and events, including the organisation of rooms and equipment, and providing refreshments as required
- Keep records in accordance with the school's record retention schedule and data protection law, ensuring information security and confidentiality at all times
- Liaise with the HR team where appropriate
- Organise trips including booking coaches, liaising with venues, ordering packed lunches and distribution of associated communication
- During busy periods at the school this role may also support the processing of examination entries, student coursework and results
- To undertake other duties appropriate to the grading and role boundary of the post as required
- To undertake Administrative duties for the upkeep of the Schools GDPR System and to act as first contact in School for Data Protection queries.
- Update and maintain School website pages as requested by Head Teacher

Attendance administration

- Monitor and maintain an accurate record of pupil attendance, producing reports as necessary
- Monitor the late arrival of pupils and contact parents/carers to identify reasons for non-attendance, ensuring all safeguarding procedures are followed

Reception

- Act as the first point of contact for parents and visitors arriving at the school
- Deal with telephone and face-to-face enquiries efficiently and in a professional and supportive manner
- Seek support from other colleagues where necessary to respond to complex enquiries
- Respond to messages promptly and accurately, passing on information to relevant staff members as necessary
- Assist staff and pupils with the information and support they need

Safeguarding/Security

- Control access to the school in line with the school's/Trust's safeguarding procedures, including signing-in visitors, checking identification as necessary, issuing passes and notifying them of safeguarding and safety procedures (including asking contractors to sign the asbestos register)
- Be alert to unknown individuals on the school premises and report any concerns in line with the school's/Trust's procedures
- Maintain the Schools SCR (Carry out DBS checks for local governors and volunteers)

Written communication

- Write and send email responses that are professional and uphold the Trust's vision and values
- Update and distribute online and offline communications (e.g. letters, newsletters, social media posts etc) to parents, staff and other stakeholders
- Assist with marketing and promoting the school

Finance

- Enter data into the school's/Trust's finance systems
- Collect, record and issue receipts for payments from parents
- Carry out financial administration in line with the Trust's procedures
- School Nursery Funding – Ensure correct claims are submitted to the LA in a timely manner

Other areas of responsibility

- Read and follow the relevant Trust policies
- Undertake training required to develop in the role
- Ensure all duties and responsibilities are undertaken in line with the Trust's health and safety policy
- Contribute to the safety of children and young people and protect them from harm

Personal

- Self-motivated, and able to work well within a team
- Maintain professional communication standards at all times with children, colleagues, parents, carers and the wider local community
- Good organisational skills
- Can plan and prioritise workload

This description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Administrator

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
Qualifications and training	• First aid training (or willingness to complete it) • GCSE Level 4 or Grade C in English and maths
Experience	• Carrying out administrative tasks • Dealing with face-to-face and telephone interactions • Working with children or young people • Working and collaborating within a team
Skills and knowledge	• Good oral and written communications skills • Ability to respond quickly and effectively to issues that arise • Ability to plan, organise and prioritise to meet deadlines • Ability to use own initiative and take action accordingly • Excellent attention to detail • Ability to use IT packages including word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software • Ability to use relevant office equipment effectively • Ability to build effective working relationships with colleagues • Understanding of data protection and confidentiality • Understanding of safeguarding
Personal qualities	• Commitment to promoting the ethos and values of the school and getting the best outcomes for all pupils • Commitment to acting with integrity, honesty, loyalty and fairness to safeguard the assets, financial probity and reputation of the school • Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding and equality • Embraces change well • Deals with difficult situations effectively • Works well within a team • Ability to be flexible • Reliable and punctual • Professional and friendly approach