



Alsager School
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ADMINISTRATOR / CLERICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Support to the Pastoral Team

20-25 hours per week; Term Time (38 weeks)

Some flexibility with total hours worked and the start / finishing time, between the hours of 8am and 3.30pm (M-F)

Grade 3; scp 2-4

£10,292 - £10,949 (actual salary based on 25 hrs) Temporary until 19th July 2022

(Full-time equivalent: £18,198 - £18,933)

Exciting opportunity to support the Learning Support

Thank you for your enquiry about the above temporary post, working during the term-time This post is based in our modern, well-equipped Learning Support area. The team is managed by the Curriculum Leader for Learning Support (SENDCo), 2 full-time Teaching Assistant Leaders, and a full-time Teaching Assistant Co-ordinator together with a further twenty-one full time Teaching Assistants.

This is a new role arisen due to increased work-loads and pupil need. Formal qualifications are not essential, however good literacy and numeracy skills and experience in supporting SEN would be an advantage. A sense of humour is a definite prerequisite!

Appropriate induction and in-service training will be provided.

About the School: Alsager School is a large 11-18 mixed Multi Academy Trust with 1587 pupils on roll, including approximately 313 students in the Sixth Form and is the only secondary school in the town. We currently employ in excess of 100 teaching and 75 support staff. The MAT has recently expanded when Weston Village Primary School, located near to Crewe, joined in April 2018 and Alsager Highfields Community Primary School joined in September 2020.

Alsager School is a fantastic place to work with motivated and well-behaved students, a committed and experienced governing body, dedicated staff and supportive parents. Children of all abilities make impressive progress throughout the key stages. We are one of the highest performing schools in Cheshire East, and our last Ofsted in February 2016 graded the school as Outstanding in all areas.



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Approximately 75% of our students are drawn from the town itself and its adjacent villages. The remainder come from towns in neighbouring Staffordshire and Cheshire, sent to us by parental choice.

Principal Responsibilities:

1. Proactively undertake a range of administrative duties to support the pastoral team.
2. Hold student meetings and prepare their annual review paperwork
3. Preparation of agenda, booking and attending annual review meetings, and take minutes
4. Writing and maintaining SFPs and PPs for given year groups
5. Preparation of student Healthcare plans and recording in SIMS
6. Liaison with multi-disciplinary teams
7. Collating transition data
8. Communicating with parents
9. Updating and accessing SEN records and pupil personal data

Notwithstanding the detail in this job description, in accordance with AMAT's Flexibility Policy the job holder will undertake such work as may be determined by the Headteacher/Governing Body from time to time, up to or at a level consistent with the Main Responsibilities of the job.

In conclusion: In order to ensure the future successful development of our school, we are keen to appoint only staff of the highest ability or with the greatest promise. Working at Alsager School is demanding but the rewards are commensurate in a school with strong leadership, dedicated staff, supportive parents and pleasant, friendly and highly motivated pupils. The School is proud of its supportive ethos and the person appointed can expect much help, guidance and support from colleagues.

Alsager School is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



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If you require any further information or wish to discuss any issues, please do feel free to contact me. In the meantime, good luck with your application. I look forward to reading your response and to possibly meeting you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Owen H.R. Manager

bpi/ Administrator/Clerical Support Assistant/ November 2021

Further details about the School are available from our website: www.alsagerschool.org



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title: Administrator / Clerical Support Assistant

Grade: 3; scp 2 - 4

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Experience	Administrative experience of working in a busy office environment working to strict deadlines. Proven ability to communicate with people at all levels of the organisation.	Previous experience in the education field.
Qualifications/ Knowledge	Good standard of general education. Good standard of written and verbal English. Excellent ICT skills	Experience in use and manipulation of School's Information Management Systems (SIMS) packages ECDL Existing First aid qualification
Personality	Evident personal authority - ability to command respect from students. A positive outlook. Energetic & adaptable. Reliable. Enjoy a challenge. A resilience to absorb and cope with pressure. Able to show and use discretion.	Self-confidence. Have high expectation of themselves.
Special Aptitudes	Excellent interpersonal skills. Self-motivated with an ability to use own initiative. Excellent organisational and time management skills. Willingness to work hours flexibly. Ability to work as an effective team member. Commitment to safeguard & promote the welfare of children.	Have high expectations of themselves. Desire to be involved in further training.
Physical Attributes	Pleasant manner	



APPOINTMENT OF: Administrator / Clerical Support Assistant

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SERVICE (NJC)

Negotiating Body

The appointment is subject to the Scheme of Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

Hours of Work

The standard working week for full time employees is 37 hours worked over five days.

Salary

For employees newly appointed to the school, progression through the salary scale will be by annual increment on the anniversary of your appointment each year until the maximum point of the scale is reached.

Salary is paid in 12 equal monthly payments on the 15th day of each month, unless that falls at a weekend or Bank Holiday, in which case it will be paid on the first banking day thereafter. Payment will be directly into a Bank/Building Society account.

Leave Entitlement

The entitlement for full-time, full-year employees is 25 working days, with an extra 5 days being granted after 5 years' continuous service. Additionally, 8 Bank Holidays are currently granted each year. NB: Pro rata entitlements are applicable for staff working less than full-time hours or part-year.

Probationary period

New entrants to the School are subject to a probationary period of 25 working weeks during which you are expected to establish your suitability to the post.

Medical approval

An offer of appointment is subject to the successful candidate submitting an acceptable statement of medical history and present state of health, and, if required by the Medical Adviser, undergoing a medical examination.

Notice to Terminate

This appointment is subject to one month's notice by the employee. The school's notice varies according to the employee's length of service.

Pension Arrangements

The person appointed will have the choice to:

- become a member of the Local Government Pensions Scheme; or
- be a member of a personal pension scheme; or
- rely on the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS).

Sickness Leave & Pay

The post is subject to the provisions of the School's occupational sickness scheme which entitles employees to one month's full pay and (after 4 months' employment) 2 months' half pay during their first year of employment, rising to 6 months' full pay and 6 months' half pay after 5 years' employment.

No Smoking

Governors have approved a "No Smoking" policy for the School. Employees joining the School do so in the knowledge that they will be required to comply with these arrangements. They will be entitled to avail themselves of medical advice on cessation planning from the Occupational Health Unit.



Relatives within the School/Council

Applicants must disclose on their application form details of any relative who is a School employee. If applicants do not give details of a relationship they are liable to be disqualified for the job or if appointed, liable to be dismissed. This will also be the case if the applicant or someone else uses improper influence to attempt to get them the job (but this does not prevent a School employee giving a written reference about the applicant).

Equal Opportunities Policy

The School is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination; all applicants should note that they will be considered on the basis of suitability regardless of disability, gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation and marital status or any other discrimination which is unfair or unreasonable.

Asylum and Immigration Act

All successful applicants will be asked to confirm, in advance of taking up the appointment, that they are eligible to work in the United Kingdom. In order to establish this the successful applicant will be asked to provide documentation showing their National Insurance Number or provide copies of Tax Forms P45 or P60, or if this is not possible, other evidence of your entitlement to work.

Standards of Conduct

The School's Code of Conduct, and associated guidance, sets out the standards which are expected of employees.

Any attempt by a candidate to influence the selection process improperly will result in disqualification and, if appointed, may render the employee liable to dismissal without notice.

Safeguarding Children

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

Employing people with a criminal record

The School aims, as part of its approach to Valuing Diversity, to promote equality of opportunity for all and has an open-minded recruitment policy in relation to employing people with past convictions. At the same time children must be protected and a safe working environment provided for all employees.

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act allows for a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence involving a sentence of not more than 2½ years imprisonment and who has since lived trouble free for a specified period of time (related to the severity of the offence) to be treated as if the offence, conviction or sentence had never occurred. This is known as a spent conviction.*

However, this job is one of those to which the provisions of the above Act in relation to spent convictions*, **do not apply**. Applicants **must therefore disclose** whether they have any previous convictions*, whether or not they are spent.

Should an applicant have a criminal conviction*, this will be discussed in confidence at interview. However only convictions* that are relevant to the job in question will be taken into account. Failure to disclose any conviction could lead to an application being rejected, or, if appointed, may lead later to dismissal.

Certain spent convictions* are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers, and cannot be taken into account by a recruitment manager. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these convictions* can be found at the following link:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/1198/pdfs/ukxi_20131198_en.pdf

*including cautions, reprimands or warnings.



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People who have convictions will be treated fairly and given every opportunity to establish their suitability for the job, all applicants will be considered on merit and ability.

Any information that you give will be kept in strict confidence and will be used only in respect of your application for the job.

Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)

Successful applicants will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring service.

A copy of the Disclosure and Barring Service Code of Practice is available on request.

Further information about the Disclosure scheme can be found at
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

References

The appointment will be offered subject to our receiving satisfactory references.

One referee should be the applicant's current or most recent employer. Where an applicant is not currently working with children but has done so in the past, they should provide a referee from that employer.

NB: References will not be accepted from relatives or from people writing solely in the capacity of friends.

BPi/Attendance Administrator /September 2021