



Deer Park School

## JOB DESCRIPTION

ROLE PROFILE:	Deputy SENCo
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### ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

**Job holder:**

**Reports to:** SENCo

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**PART 1** You are required to carry out the duties of a schoolteacher as set out in the relevant paragraphs of the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document.

**PART 2** The post requires you to teach students in the age range 11-16.

**PART 3** You are required to carry out such particular duties which form part of the relevant sub-paragraphs and paragraphs of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document as the Headteacher may reasonably direct from time to time.

*In addition you are required to undertake the following responsibilities within the framework of School Policy, LA and National regulations.*

**To exercise the authority delegated from the Headteacher to ensure that all aspects of the Job Description are effectively delivered within the terms of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and to be accountable for each aspect to the appropriate colleagues as detailed below.**

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### a) Teachers' Standards and expectations:

#### Part one: teaching

##### 1. Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students

- establish a safe and stimulating environment for students, rooted in mutual respect
- set goals that stretch and challenge students of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
- demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of students

##### 2. Promote good progress and outcomes by students

- be accountable for students' attainment, progress and outcomes
- plan teaching to build on students' capabilities and prior knowledge

- guide students to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how students learn and how this impacts on teaching
- encourage students to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

### **3. Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge**

- have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain students' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
- demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship
- demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject

### **4. Plan and teach well-structured lessons**

- impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time
- promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity
- set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding students have acquired
- reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
- contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum

### **5. Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students**

- know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable students to be taught effectively
- have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit students' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these
- demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support students' education at different stages of development
- have a clear understanding of the needs of all students, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

### **6. Make accurate and productive use of assessment**

- know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements
- make use of formative and summative assessment to secure students' progress
- use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
- give students regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage students to respond to the feedback.

### **7. Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment**

- have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy
- have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
- manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to students' needs in order to involve and motivate them
- maintain good relationships with students, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

#### **8. Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**

- make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
- develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support
- deploy support staff effectively
- take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
- communicate effectively with parents with regard to students' achievements and well-being.

#### **Part Two: Personal and professional conduct**

1) Uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:

- treating students with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position
- having regard for the need to safeguard students' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
- showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
- not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
- ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit students' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

2) Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in your own attendance and punctuality.

3) Have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out your professional duties and responsibilities.

#### **b) Position held:- Deputy SENCo**

##### **Expected - Tasks, expectations & accountabilities for the role at Deer Park**

##### **Key Responsibilities:**

##### **Quality of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment:**

- Support the development and implementation of inclusive teaching practices across the school, ensuring curriculum adaptation for SEND learners.
- Assist in the implementation and monitoring of a robust and consistently applied graduated approach (Assess, Plan, Do, Review) for SEND.

- Using data effectively to identify students who are seriously underachieving and work collaboratively with subject leads, teachers, support staff to address this.
- Deliver training and support to staff on SEND awareness, identification, and effective teaching strategies.
- To oversee the implementation of all systems to support the Education, Health Care Plans so that they are in place to ensure we are legal compliant in the implementation of Section F provisions.
- Effectively chair Annual Reviews, working collaboratively with the SENCO, teachers and SEND administrator to ensure we are getting the best student outcomes.

#### **Student Outcomes:**

- Work with Heads of Department to develop and implement effective support packages for teachers to identify and support SEND students who are not on track in their subjects...
- Contribute to the development of an enhanced curriculum offer that supports SEND outcomes for post-16 career pathways.
- Support the establishment and development of student voice in SEND.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of strategies to reduce SEND suspensions and improve reintegration processes.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and provisions for SEND students.

#### **Leadership and Management:**

- Deputise for the SENCo as required.
- Contribute to the strategic planning and development of SEND provision within the SEND Improvement Plan.
- Support the SENCo in managing and overseeing a large Additional Support team.
- Liaise with external agencies and professionals to support SEND students.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records for SEND students.
- Contribute to the school's self-evaluation process related to SEND.

#### **Collaboration and Communication:**

- Build strong relationships with students, parents/carers, staff, and external agencies.
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholders regarding SEND provision.
- Work collaboratively with teachers, support staff, and other professionals to ensure coordinated support for SEND students.
- Promote a positive and inclusive culture within the school.

#### **Professional Development:**

- Engage in ongoing professional development to keep up-to-date with current SEND legislation, research, and best practices.
- Contribute to the professional development of other staff members in relation to SEND.

#### **Person Specification:**

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
- Experience of working with students with SEND
- Knowledge and understanding of the SEND Code of Practice
- Experience of developing and implementing SEND support plans
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders
- Strong organisational and time-management skills
- Commitment to inclusive education
- Experience in data analysis and interpretation
- Experience of leading and managing SEND provision (desirable)

This job description is not exhaustive and may be subject to change in consultation with the post holder.

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### **c) Upper Pay Range 2 criteria (including the responsibilities at UPR1)**

#### **Professional Characteristics**

- Demonstrate essential professional characteristics, and in particular will:
  - Model good practice and professionalism in relation to all students and colleagues.
  - Promote the school internally and externally to colleagues, parents, students and outside agencies.
  - To improve student outcomes by consistently delivering and modelling good or above lessons

#### **Professional Development**

- Take responsibility for own professional learning, demonstrating how this has impacted on student learning, teaching and leadership.
- Develop, share and demonstrate ideas re improving outcomes for students, particularly GCSE/AS.
- Be responsible for identifying individual professional learning needs, undertaking regular professional learning activities and maintaining an up-to-date professional learning plan.

#### **Contribute to the Ethos and Wider Effectiveness of the School**

- Demonstrate a significant and sustained contribution to the life of the school, through wider responsibilities which include:
  - Contribution to the achievement of the whole School Improvement Plan.
  - Contribution to the achievement of the appropriate Subject / Pastoral Improvement Plan.
  - Be proactive in assisting SLT and all colleagues in promoting the school's ethos and positive behaviour policy, including supporting colleagues when necessary both within classrooms and around the school.
  - Celebrate students' achievement by supporting school events.

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#### **Additionally at Deer Park:-**

- Keep up to date with new pedagogy/new technologies/curriculum initiatives and their use and impact to enhance learning within your subject area.
  - Ensure lesson planning is maintained and recorded in the Teacher's Planner.
  - Be responsible for all aspects of your classroom its contents, surrounding area including health and safety and reporting defects.
  - Contribute to the appropriate section of the School Development Plan, meeting agreed timescales and success criteria
  - Manage learning resources within the classroom including issue and return
  - Represent the Curriculum Area, as advised, on the appropriate working groups and/or Area Consortium groups.
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- NOTE 1** The days are to be specified by the Headteacher under paragraph 51.2 - 51.3 of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions document and the hours allocated by the Headteacher under paragraph 51.4 - 51.12 of the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions document shall be the subject of a separate statement issued by the Headteacher.
- NOTE 2** The job description may be reviewed at the end of the Academic Year or earlier if necessary. In addition it may be amended at any time after consultation with you.
- NOTE 3** The school timetabled day is between the times of 8.00 am and 5.00pm. Teachers will be required to fulfil their 1265 hours within the range of the school day that may vary on an annual basis.
- NOTE 4** Additional non contact periods above the schools normal allocation may be used for cover periods in excess of 38 hours.

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