

JOB DESCRIPTION

School:	Heacham Junior School part of West Norfolk Academies Trust
Job Title	Class Teacher – KS2
Grade:	MPS/UPS
Responsible to:	Headteacher
Working With:	Headteacher Teaching and Support Staff Pupils, Parents and External Agencies

At Heacham Junior we deliver a bespoke knowledge rich curriculum, written by our staff, that is ambitious and broad in its variety and scope. Our pupils learn specific knowledge that supports their progress and enjoyment. Our curriculum is enriched with opportunities to develop spiritual, moral, cultural and social skills suitable within our modern British Values.

Our behaviour policy encourages respect, belonging, tolerance, kindness and thoughtfulness, it also means that we value and celebrate the differences between us. Our curriculum also raises our young children's aspirations and broadens their horizons through links with the wider community and world.

Purpose of the Job

To provide an effective education to pupils within the framework provided by the Headteacher, the Governing Body, DfE and the Local Authority, paying full regard to all statutory requirements.

Main Duties

To fulfil the Conditions of Employment for Teachers as defined in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Teachers' Standards

A teacher must:

- 1. Set high expectations, which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils**
 - establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect
 - set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
 - demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviours which are expected of pupils.
- 2. Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils**
 - be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes
 - plan teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge
 - guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs
 - demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching

- encourage pupils 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 pupils' 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
- if teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
- if teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies.

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 pupils have acquired
- reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
- contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

5. Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils

- know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively
- have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and know 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 pupils' education at different stages of development
- have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, 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 pupils' progress
- use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
- give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils 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 pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them
- maintain good relationships with pupils, 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 pupils' achievements and well-being

Personal and Professional Conduct

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes, which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:

- treating pupils 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 pupils' 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 pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.

Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks, which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

Job context and flexibility

The duties and responsibilities listed in this job description provide a summary of the main aspects of the role. This is not an exhaustive list and the post holder may be required to carry out other tasks, as deemed appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.

This job description is current at the date indicated below but, in consultation with the post holder, it may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the post commensurate with the grade or job title.

Due to the routine of the school, the workload may not be evenly spread throughout the year. Flexibility of hours, and a flexible attitude and willingness to assist others in the team, when required is necessary.

West Norfolk Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and the post holder will share this responsibility, therefore appointments are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check with barred list. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to an online search.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 but Exceptions Order may apply.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
Honours Degree or equivalent		✓	Appl/Ref
Qualified Teacher Status		✓	

Experience	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
Experience of teaching in the required Key Stage	✓		Appl/Int/Ref
Experience of teaching across the whole primary stage		✓	
Experience of working in a team	✓		

Skills, Attributes and Knowledge	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
Has understanding of classroom organisation and learning strategies.	✓		Appl/Int/Ref
Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.	✓		
Ability to deliver consistently good or better lessons.	✓		
Has understanding of monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting of pupils' progress.	✓		
Ability to communicate orally and write to a high standard	✓		
Has understanding of equal opportunities and inclusion.	✓		
Can demonstrate effective teaching and learning styles.	✓		
Able to promote the schools' aims positively and use effective strategies to monitor personal, social and emotional needs.	✓		
Able to develop good personal relationships within a team.	✓		
Able to establish and develop close relationships with parents, governors and the community.	✓		
Can communicate effectively to a variety of audiences.	✓		
Can create a happy, challenging and effective learning environment.	✓		
Able to develop strategies for creating community links.		✓	

Personal qualities	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
Decisive, determined and self-confident	✓		Appl/Int/Ref
Positive attitude to work	✓		
Integrity, trustworthy, honest and open	✓		
Accessible and approachable	✓		
Excellent attendance and punctuality	✓		
Excellent interpersonal skills	✓		

Appl = Application form

Int = Interview

Ref = Reference

