

HOPE VIEW SCHOOL

FOREST SCHOOL LEADER for LOWER SCHOOL POST

Information about the post.

Hope View School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed individual, who is keen to work with children with Special Education Needs to deliver and develop our Forest School and Outdoor Programme from April 2024. The post is based at our Lower School site in Chartham and involves working with pupils aged 7-13. Own transport is essential as the site is in a rural location with no public transport links. The post would suit a hardworking, reliable, well-organised individual who is able to commit to a rewarding full day of work, starting at 7.50am.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join our supportive, well established staff team. Included are a Company Pension Scheme, competitive annual salary (salaried not pro-rata), staff rewards schemes, access to CPD and uniform, as well as paid holidays (up to 16 weeks per year).

The successful applicant should have experience of delivering an outdoor based programme, Forest School or similar. The confidence to take pupils off site, with a supporting member of staff, to explore the surrounding countryside and ability to effectively manage low level challenging behaviours is essential as is the provision of engaging and inspiring activities through which our pupils can learn.

The successful applicant would be required to develop and deliver our existing Forest School programme, with support from our Upper School Forest School Leader. They would also be required to obtain their PSV licence in order to be able to transport pupils in our school minibuses, the cost of this would be met by the school.

Experience of working with pupils with Special Educational Needs would be an advantage but is not essential. Willingness to work within a small team and an organised but flexible approach is crucial. High standards of behaviour management, professionalism and expectations of pupils are also required as is the ability to be empathetic, understanding and supportive of pupils and their needs.

Post requirements:

The successful applicant will need to possess the following qualities:

- Previous experience of delivering either Forest School or an outdoor education curriculum/programme.
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of a small team.

- An understanding of the ethos of the school and the ability to work within this ethos in order to support and develop all pupils regardless of ability, education, behavioural, social or emotional need.
- Ability to effectively and confidently manage low level challenging behaviours if and when the need arises.
- A willingness to play a full part in the life of the school with regard to teaching, pastoral care, curriculum enrichment activities and building positive relationships with pupils and staff alike.
- Experience of teaching within a Special Educational Needs environment would be an advantage.
- Resilience, reliability, high levels of organisation and commitment.

Safeguarding

An understanding of the importance of the need for safeguarding the health and well-being of all pupils within the school. Upholding the school's policies and procedures with regard to child protection and safeguarding is an essential requirement.

The post requires applicants to fully complete an **application form, CVs alone will not be accepted**. Safeguarding checks including self-disclosure declaration, online checks and references will be carried out for all candidates short-listed for interview. A DBS check will be required for the successful applicant.

Salary Range: £25,000 - £28,000 per annum.