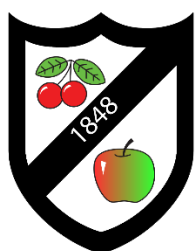


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Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us at Borden Church of England Primary School.

I hope this pack will give you a flavour of what it is like to be part of our successful and supportive school. We would welcome your request to visit us during the school day to see for yourself why we are so proud of our pupils and staff who make up our school community.

We are a small school of 140 pupils with a cohort intake of just 20. In Year 2 and Year 5, our children are split between two classes. We make the decision on which class the children will join based on our expert knowledge of each individual - academically, socially and emotionally. Our teachers are skilled and experienced in planning for mixed age range classes and work closely to plan programmes within their phase that meet the needs of each child as an individual. Our small size and small cohorts ensure that our staff know every single child extremely well. We know their interests, their likes and dislikes, their strengths and areas for development. Every child in our school knows that they are valued in our school family and that they are loved. For their first year at school, being in the small cohort size helps our children manage the transition to primary school with ease and provides them with space to learn and grow. In such a small class, they receive a great deal of teacher time all year, but particularly during those first few weeks to help them settle to the new routines of school. We are proud to be part of Our Community Multi Academy Trust, a group of ten schools under the leadership and guidance of Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Whitehead.

All new colleagues at Borden CE Primary School are made to feel welcome and professional development of staff across our Multi Academy Trust is one of our top priorities.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please visit our website: www.borden.kent.sch.uk or contact the office: office@borden.kent.sch.uk (t: 01705 472593).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the role.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jennifer Linton
Head of School



Miss Georgie Ingram
Executive Headteacher



Advert

Job Title: High Needs Funding TA

Grade: KSA

Salary: £10,128 pro rata (£24,513 FTE)

Hours: Wednesday to Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm, 18 hours per week

This is a fixed term contract ending 31 August 2026

This is a fabulous opportunity for a dedicated and organised person to join the school team at Borden CE Primary School which is part of Our Community Multi Academy Trust. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced Teaching Assistant to join the school's successful and supportive team.

Borden Church of England Primary is one of ten schools within Our Community Multi Academy Trust. We are a primary school with 136 of pupils on our roll.

Our Community Multi Academy Trust believe that our people are our biggest asset.

We can offer you:

- The opportunity to work in an excellent school and to contribute to its growth and development
- Students who enjoy learning
- A stable and committed staff team determined to give our students the best possible opportunities
- A supportive and committed board of trustees
- Work within a growing Trust who fully believe in the professional development of their staff.

The successful candidate will:

- Have excellent organisational skills
- Be punctual
- Communicate well and be confident managing others
- Have good teamwork skills
- Respect confidentiality and the potential sensitivities of working in a school
- Have experience working in a school
- Be able to demonstrate in their application that they can fulfil the main duties of the job description and person specification as a minimum

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check along with other pre-employment checks which must be undertaken before the role is confirmed by the school.

Our Community MAT is committed to safeguarding, safer recruitment and promoting the welfare of pupils. Our comprehensive recruitment and selection processes aim to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants. Successful candidates are subject to rigorous pre-employment checks.

We are equally committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity. We aim for our workforce to be representative of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. We are committed to providing equality and fairness in our recruitment and employment practices and not to discriminate on any grounds. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Applications to be made via Kent Teach.

For further information about the role, please contact Josie Boland, via telephone on 01795 472593 or office@borden.kent.sch.uk

Job Description

Purpose of the job

To work alongside the class teacher's supervision, undertake the delivery of the individual pupil learning programmes; mainly 1:1, and sometimes in withdrawn groups or within the classroom providing support across the curriculum.

Key duties and responsibilities

- Under the guidance of the class teacher & SENCo, supervise activities of named pupil either 1:1, in withdrawal groups or within the classroom, providing support across the curriculum.
- Under the guidance of class teachers, provide support to the named pupil with homework; such as listening to readers, learning number facts and completing tasks meant for home.
- Maintain the interest and motivation of the named pupil; raising self-esteem, improving independent work and promote positive behaviour patterns to assist their education and development.
- To be aware of the named pupil's needs, achievements, progress and report to the teacher as agreed.
- Establish a constructive relationship with named pupil and interact with them according to their individual needs.
- Provide feedback to the named pupil in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of a teacher.
- Provide support for learning activities by making a contribution to supporting a teacher in planning, supporting delivery and evaluation.
- Making a contribution to organising effective learning environments and making appropriate records.
- Participate in assessment, planning and evaluation of support as appropriate.
- Liaise with class teacher, SENCo and other staff as appropriate and support the work of outside agencies.
- Design and produce displays with minimal supervision.
- Contribute information to pupil records (For example, assessment information)
- Liaise with parents if appropriate.
- Monitor pupil responses to learning activities and record achievement / progress as directed.
- Provide regular feedback to teachers on pupil achievement, progress and problems.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents and reporting in line with school policy.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents / carers where appropriate.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupil confidence and competence in its use.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required. Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to Child Protection, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Security, Confidentiality and Data Protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
- Contribute to the overall aims, ethos, work of the team and school.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.

This role is subject to an enhanced DBS check

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what his/her main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

Person Specification

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria. The following outlines the criteria for this post.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	Level 1 or 2 Diploma (or equivalent) with proficient practical skills.	
EXPERIENCE	Previous experience of working with children.	- Previous experience of working with children with SEND - Experience of supporting pupils academic progress and wellbeing
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	- Numeracy and literacy skills. - Basic IT skills. - Have the ability to relate well to children and adults, understanding their needs and being able to respond accordingly. - Good influencing skills to encourage pupils to interact with others and be socially responsible. - Excellent communication skills with both adults and children	- Ability to use / willingness to learn a range of IT software and hardware e.g. Interactive Whiteboards, teaching apps - Able to recognise when learning is maximised and how the adult role can enhance this
KNOWLEDGE	Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety, security, equal opportunities and confidentiality.	Understanding of the requirements of the National Curriculum for KS1 or KS2
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	- Professional conduct at all times and with all staff, pupils, other professionals, visitors etc. - Able to maintain confidentiality - Flexible and responsive to change - Calm under pressure - Self-motivated and pro-active - Appropriate levels of personal presentation - Good sense of humour - Diplomatic and resourceful - Positive/can do approach - Loyalty – act as an ambassador for the Trust with visitors and all members of Trust community	

VALUES	• Commitment to school's aims and values • Commitment to continuous personal development • Honest and reliable, displays integrity and commitment to the Trust • Champion for children – establish positive relationships with Trust, children, their families and staff so that pupils see all staff groups as integral and vital parts of the school family	
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Our Community Multi Academy Overview

We believe that the success of an organisation is rooted in the quality of its leadership. In Our Community Multi Academy Trust we believe that leaders who uphold the core values of the Trust and demonstrate the leadership principles as listed below will enjoy the greatest success within their schools.

We believe exemplary leadership is rooted within our three core values. We want our leaders to be:

1. Inclusive Leaders
2. Compassionate Leaders
3. Community Leaders



OCMAT Leadership Principles

The Inclusive Leader:

- Will hold and maintain the highest educational standards for all children
- Will welcome all children and staff to our schools equally
- Will make reasonable adjustments to enable/ensure all pupils to have equitable access to an enriching, broad and balanced curriculum
- Will adhere to the principles of the SEND Code of practice
- Will ensure that their school is an accessible educational environment for all pupils, staff, governors, parents and visitors alike.
- Fosters a culture where all stakeholders/staff feel comfortable contributing their ideas and opinions, ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.
- Upholds and champions British values and protective characteristics, creating a culture of respect, equality and diversity.

The Compassionate Leader:

- Will show empathy with children, staff and families through their leadership behaviours
- Will act with fairness and consistency at all times
- Will give credit where it is due and show appreciation for the efforts of every member of staff
- Will not be afraid to make mistakes and will show their own vulnerabilities
- Will go above and beyond to recruit and retain good staff
- Will be unconditionally inclusive
- Will have courageous conversations
- Will be reflective on their own professional practice and be receptive to advice offered.

The Community Leader:

- Will be highly visible within their own school setting and the local community
- Will be accountable for their actions and decisions
- Will act with integrity, drawing on their values to guide their decisions
- Will empower and enable staff by leading by example
- Will positively promote the Trust and school at all times

We will ultimately achieve this through being Collaborative leaders

The Collaborative Leader:

- Will articulate a clear vision for their school which is understood and acted upon by all staff, pupils and families
- Will engage in and promote all Trust wide activities - working in a positive partnership with all Trust staff.
- Will unconditionally work with other professionals both within and outside of the Trust for the greater good of our children
- Will display commitment to their staff and school priorities, resulting in high staff morale.
- Will motivate their staff with passion, enthusiasm and inspiration making staff feel valued for their contribution to the school and the Trust.

Our Schools

Primary

Borden Church of England Primary School, ME9 8JS

Bredgar Church of England Primary School, ME9 8HB

Dymchurch Primary School, TN29 0LE

Lydd Primary School, TN29 9HW

Lynsted & Norton Primary School, ME9 0RL

Milstead & Frinsted Church of England Primary School, ME9 0SJ

Minterne Junior School, ME10 1SB

Petham Primary School, CT4 5RD

Selling Church of England Primary School, ME13 9RQ

The Oaks Infant School, ME10 1GL

Trust Central Team

Central Support Team

(based at Lynsted & Norton Primary School)

Human Resources Team

Finance Team

Business Support & Management Information Team

Marketing Team

ICT Support

Trust Executive Team - School Improvement

Inclusion Executive Officer

Standards Executive Officer

The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates who complete our application form, CVs will not be accepted. Applicants can apply directly through the Kent-Teach website. Alternatively, please contact trusthr@ocmat.org.uk for a paper application form.

The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post, a panel will conduct a shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form and we therefore suggest you read the Job Description and Person Specification fully prior to completing your application.

If your application is shortlisted, the Trust reserves the right to conduct an online search as part of our safer recruitment checks in line with KCSIE guidance. Any relevant information found with regards to a candidate's suitability to work with children will be discussed at interview.

Candidates selected for interview will be informed.

All candidates who are invited to interview must bring the following original documents:

- Documents to evidence right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph (driving licence or passport)
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate, documentation evidencing change of name
- Certificates of educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

Conditional Offer

Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a number of formalities, including, but not restricted to the following:

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of 2 satisfactory references in line with KCSIE, one or if applicable, both of which must be your most recent employer and/or most recent childcare setting
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check and appropriate checks that may be required if you have worked or been resident overseas in the past five years
- Satisfactory pre-employment health clearance
- A check against the Teacher Service Register for any teaching prohibition or restriction orders where you are applying for a teaching role or if you have previously held an employed teaching role

Safeguarding

OCMAT has robust safer recruitment procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

All individuals working in any capacity at our Trust will be subjected to safeguarding checks in line with the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Retention of Information

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system six months from the date of interview or submission date of application if not successful for interview, in accordance with our retention or records procedure.

Please visit the OCMAT website for all Trust Policies: www.ocmat.org.uk



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