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Minibus Driver
The North School
Information



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Welcome

Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in the advertised Minibus Driver post at The North School. We hope this information will give you a flavour of what it is like to be part of our successful school. You are very welcome to come and visit us during the school day to see for yourself why we are so proud of our school community and all those who contribute to it, prior to applying.

The North School is a large non-selective secondary school in Ashford which is at a very exciting point in its journey, being a popular choice for parents and students within the area. The school has excellent facilities, including large open green spaces and the oldest school farm in Kent which is well stocked with all types of animals and has a very successful Young Farmers Club. The school has a dynamic team of staff who are committed to driving standards within the school, supported by our highly visible Senior Leadership Team.

At The North School we aim to maximise the potential and future life chances of all our students and have extremely high expectations. Our ethos is centred around our belief that students should be able to learn in a well ordered and engaging environment and that they should attempt all their work to the very best of their ability at every point in their learning and development from Year 7 right through to post-16 study in our very popular Sixth Form. We are dedicated to rounded student development so our students become resilient, independent, happy and confident learners who leave school with the right skills and qualifications for the world they are growing into.

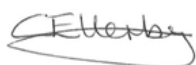
Our committed and collegiate team of staff welcome and support all new members of the school community, whether students, parents or staff. They promote our school values across all aspects of school life and actively seek opportunities to engage students with their learning and development both inside and outside the classroom. Our teams work collaboratively to plan the learning and are the experts delivering their subject through the broad and balanced curriculum, from Year 7 through to Sixth Form.

The school provides an exciting opportunity for educational professionals to make a significant difference to the lives of pupils and also develop their own career. We are very proud of our collaboration with the Swale Academies Trust and together with the Trust we work relentlessly to continually improve the school experience for all our students. We expect our staff to engage with research and CPD opportunities to continually refine their practice as we firmly believe that every child deserves access to the highest standards of teaching and learning. In addition, there are opportunities for career development and leadership roles throughout our school and the schools based within Swale Academies Trust.

We therefore seek well-qualified, highly skilled, and enthusiastic individuals, who have the highest of expectations of both themselves, the staff and the students in their classes. You should possess excellent communication and organisational skills, be hard-working and flexible. We want professionals who can contribute to the school's overall success, displaying energy and enthusiasm across aspects of school life.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the role. We very much look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely



MRS CLAIR ELLERBY
Headteacher

Job Description

Job Title: Minibus Driver
Grade: SAT B
Responsible to: Line Manager

Job Purpose:

- To provide safe and secure transport for all students to and from external events

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- To transport students to and from various external events as required
- To liaise with designated line management for transportation requirements · To undertake basic vehicle checks on a daily, weekly and monthly basis – tyres, oil, water, general cleanliness and reporting any defects or damage to the Sites Supervisor · To ensure that all students are checked on entry and exit from the minibus ensuring student safety
- To ensure that all students wear seat belts at all times, ensuring their safety during transit. · To ensure that behaviour whilst on the minibus is acceptable and safe for both staff, students and the general public
- To ensure that the minibus is clear of any rubbish at the end of each trip. · To report to and support the Site staff with basic site maintenance tasks during periods where there is no immediate driving requirement
- To carry out emergency First Aid treatment when necessary and ensure that a member of SLT is informed of any incident
- To carry out duties at all times in accordance with the Academy's Health and Safety Policy · To participate in your continued professional development and to actively participate in identifying training and development needs and to attend appropriate training as and when required
- To undertake other duties and responsibilities commensurate with the post as determined by the Line Manager
- You will hold a clean driving licence and either a D1 category on your licence or have completed the school minibus driving test.
- This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. The post holder may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the school as may be reasonably expected, without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. This is a common occurrence and would not justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

The duties / responsibilities of this post may vary from time to time according to the changing needs of the Trust services.

Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential / Desirable
Hold a current, clean and valid licence D1 unrestricted or D1 restricted (where the individual's car licence was obtained prior to 01/01/1997)	Essential to have one of these
Successfully undertaken a Passenger Carrying Vehicle Assessment (PCV) via the Driving Standards Agency (where the individual's car licence was obtained after 1/1/1997)	
Full UK or EU Licence for at least 12 months (for insurance purposes) The driving licence should not have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 0 points • Have any drink/drive endorsements • Have a ban within the last 5 years • Have more than two current speeding endorsements • Willingness to undertake in post training / updates as required 	E
Experience	
Experience of driving a large vehicle	E
21yrs old + (for insurance purposes)	E
Skills & Abilities	
Ability to adhere to agreed school policy and procedures with regards to minibus use	E
Undertake daily and weekly vehicle checks	E
Maintain accurate user records	E
Knowledge	
Understands and able to apply Health and Safety procedures relevant to the job.	E
Geographical knowledge of locality	D
Has experience working in an educational environment	D
Hold an Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification or be willing to train	D
Previous experience in a driving role	D
Additional Requirements	
Post holders may be required to demonstrate their continuing fitness for the job by undertaking in post medical assessments or eye tests	E
Post holders will be required to notify the Trust if any points/endorsements/bans that form part of the Essential criteria for holding a driving licence	E



Working at The North School

Benefits

- Local Government Pension Scheme – with a generous employer contribution
- Self Sacrifice Shared Cost AVC (Additional Voluntary Contribution) Scheme
- Enhanced Maternity Pay
- Employee Referral Recruitment Incentive
- Discounts with local and national retailers, cinemas and restaurants
- Access to training and development
- On-site Parking

Well-Being

- Employee Assistance Programme – Wellbeing and advice
- Cycle to Work scheme

Finding Us

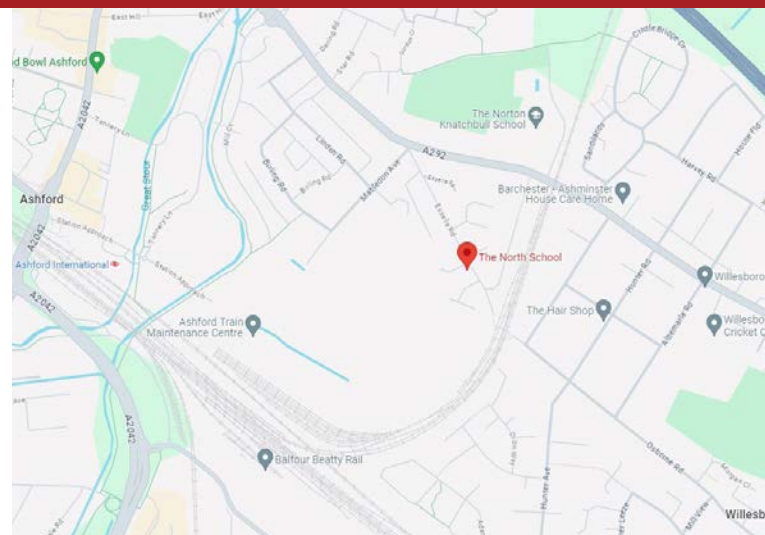
The North School
Essella Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AL

01233 614600
TNS-Office@swale.at

Closest Train Station: Ashford International Station
Approx. 18-minute walk or 15-minute Bus

Closest Bus stop:

The Norton Knatchbull School - 2, 10, 10A, 11A, 18A, 125, 666, 964, 968, C Little & Often, HS1, WS2
Mabledon Avenue - 2, 2A, 10, 10A, 10E, 10X, 11, 11A, 18A, 125, 666, 964, 968, C Little & Often, HS1, WS2





The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the appropriate application form. All sections of the form which are applicable to you must be completed as clearly and fully as possible.

Please note CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed application form.

Application forms can be found on the Kent-Teach website and applications should be made via this route. Alternatively, completed [SAT Application Forms](#) can be sent by email to debbie.fuller@swale.at or by post to the following address:

Mrs Debbie Fuller
The North School
Essella Road
Ashford
Kent
TN24 8AL

The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post a panel will conduct the shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form, it is therefore important that you fully read the Job Description and Person Specification prior to completing your form. The North School may complete online checks of any candidates as part of the shortlisting process.

After the shortlisting process has been completed candidates who have been selected for interview will be informed, and provided with full details of the interview programme. If you have not heard from us within 10 working days of the closing date for this post, you have, on this occasion, unfortunately been unsuccessful.

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

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph, usually a passport or driving licence
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate any 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 two satisfactory references
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check, as well as additional checks that may be appropriate if you have worked or been resident overseas in the previous 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 a teaching role in past [employment](#).



Safeguarding

Our Trust 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.

Swale Academies Trust schools will conduct an online check of shortlisted candidates in line with the Keeping Children Safe In Education guidelines.

Retention of information

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system after six months from the date of the interview, in accordance with our retention of records procedure.

Privacy Notice

Please refer to the Trust's [Privacy Notice](#) for job applicants for information about how we use any personal data about them we hold.

Swale Acadmies Trust is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace where everyone feels valued and respected. We actively seek applications from individuals from all backgrounds and experiences.

Overview of Swale Academies Trust

Since its creation in September 2010, Swale Academies Trust has developed into one of the South East's leading Multi-Academy Trusts.

Our purpose is to develop good and outstanding schools and ensure the rapid improvement of schools with challenges.

As the Trust has grown and developed, we continue to ensure that effective school support and leadership is maintained. The Trust's approach to school improvement is based on a combination of CPD, capacity building and collaboration, with a relentless focus on teaching and pupil progress, in order to effect rapid and sustained improvements in outcomes for young people.

The Trust is an organisation which is driven by the belief that all children deserve a good quality education where they are seen as individuals and above all are exceptionally well cared for.

Swale Academies Trust - Schools

Primary

- Beaver Green Primary School, Ashford
- Istead Rise Primary School, Istead Rise
- James Dixon Primary School, Bromley
- Langney Primary Academy, Eastbourne
- Parkland Infant School, Eastbourne
- Parkland Junior School, Eastbourne
- Regis Manor Primary School, Sittingbourne
- Shinewater Primary School, Eastbourne
- South Borough Primary School, Maidstone
- Westlands Primary School, Sittingbourne

Secondary

- Meopham Secondary School, Meopham
- Peacehaven Community School, Eastbourne
- The Eastbourne Academy, Eastbourne
- The Holmesdale School, Snodland
- The North School, Ashford
- The Sittingbourne School, Sittingbourne
- The Turing School, Eastbourne
- The Whitstable School, Whitstable
- Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne

Central Support Services

- Human Resource Team
- Finance Team
- ICT Team
- Estate Management
- Governance and Communications



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