



Teacher / Unqualified Teacher



The Stour Academy Trust

Job Description

Introduction

The Stour Academy Trust puts the needs of children at the heart of our decision making – children come first.

Established in 2012, The Stour Academy Trust are a primary school sector only Trust, for children aged 4-11 years. The well-being of our pupils is our number one priority. Our foundations have been grown first before expansion. We will only expand when we have the capacity to do so.

Core Purpose:

The Trust's ultimate goal is to improve outcomes for children. Therefore, we develop highly skilled back-office teams, using the latest technology, to support the teaching and learning team so they are free to focus on the core task of teaching, to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Values:

We value children's well-being and their education above all else. We put the needs of children at the heart of our decision making – children come first.

What drives us?

We have a moral obligation to provide children with the highest standard of teaching and learning.

Leading with a strong vision and clear direction gives our Trust a tremendous opportunity to build on our strengths, become more distinctive and in an ever-changing environment, remain relevant and strong.

The Trust prides itself on the ability to build effective teams which go on to support collaborative approaches to working at all levels, encouraging openness and sharing of ideas. As a Trust we have established a supportive ethos across the MAT promoting a culture of common accountability among all employees. We are not afraid to move out of our comfort zone and our pro-active 'can-do' philosophy seeks out solutions to overcome barriers with a sense of urgency. The Trust staffing structure focuses on high standards throughout the establishment, ensuring succession planning at all levels of leadership and within our outstanding teams.



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Reports to: Headteacher

Liaising with: Headteacher, Senior Leader, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Pupils, Parents/Carers, External agencies/professionals

Notes: The post holder is responsible for managing a team of support staff in his/her class

Purpose:

Carry out the professional duties of a teacher in accordance with the Trust's policies and ethos under the direction of the Headteacher. To undertake duties in line with the professional standards for qualified teachers as per Teachers Standards 2012. Teachers make the education of their pupils their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. Teachers act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teachers up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of their pupils.

Specific Responsibilities:

- 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 behaviour which are expected of pupils.
- Be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes
- Be aware of pupils' capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these
- 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.
- Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings

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Specific Responsibilities:

- 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.
- 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).
- 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 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.
- 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.



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Specific Responsibilities:

- 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.
- 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.

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 o 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.



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- 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.

The duties above are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the post holder may be required by the Headteacher to carry out appropriate duties within the context of the job, skills and grade.

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