

THE LION WORKS SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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Post Title:	Deputy Headteacher – Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning (inc. Curriculum & Assessment)	Department:	N/A
Hours per week:	Full time	Weeks per year:	Term time
Contract Type:	Permanent		
Salary:	L8 to L12		
Reports to:	Headteacher		

Job Description

1.	<p>School Overview</p> <p>The Lion Works School is a specialist setting that meets the needs of secondary age students who are all individuals, have a range of interests, have talents and also happen to have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition or a need which presents similarly.</p> <p>We are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. The post will support the work of the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. This is an exciting opportunity to join a growing and developing school and to become an integral part of the Senior Leadership Team supporting the work of the dedicated, motivated and inspiring teachers and support staff, whilst striving for success for all</p>
2.	<p>Purpose of the Role</p> <p>We are looking for a motivated, and engaging Deputy Head to be a part of our dynamic, highly qualified and committed team. As Deputy Headteacher you'll be an experienced teacher with a passion for supporting pupils with special educational needs. Working closely with the headteacher and other senior colleagues, you'll use your leadership skills to manage provision across the school and to provide support to other teachers. You will also have 0.4 classroom teaching duties.</p> <p>Your responsibilities will include leading on Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning, which includes the curriculum, including timetabling and assessment. Suitable candidates will already have a proven track record in leading and developing Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning. The Deputy Headteacher will also be expected to cover classes where needed. The successful candidate should have effective knowledge and experience of this role or be willing to undertake the required training and be able to demonstrate an interest and passion for this aspect of schools and teaching practices.</p>
3.	<p>Key Accountabilities & Duties</p> <p>As SLT, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a crucial part of the leadership of the school. This will involve day to day management and site responsibility when the Headteacher is not in attendance

- Maintain an effective school wide system of Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning, leading on assessment including exams and compliance with this
- Maintain a small teaching commitment (0.4)
- Support teachers to identify the needs of learners and enable support plans to achieve effective engagement
- Support colleagues to deliver a high-quality learning experience using a variety of teaching and learning methods.

As DSL, you will:

- Take a lead role in developing and reviewing safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures
- Take a lead role in implementing safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures: ensuring all safeguarding and child protection issues concerning children and young people who take part in the school's activities are responded to appropriately
- Take the lead on responding to information that may constitute a child protection concern, including a concern that an adult may present a risk to children or young people. This includes: a. assessing and clarifying the information b. making referrals to statutory organisations as appropriate c. consulting with and informing the relevant members of the school's management d. following the school's safeguarding policy and procedures
- Liaise with, pass on information to and receive information from statutory child protection agencies such as: a. the local authority child protection services b. the police. This includes making formal referrals to agencies when necessary
- Work closely with SLT and the board of trustees to ensure they are kept up to date with safeguarding issues and are fully informed of any concerns about safeguarding and child protection practice
- Report regularly to SLT/the board on issues relating to safeguarding and child protection, to ensure that child protection is seen as an ongoing priority issue and that safeguarding and child protection requirements are being followed at all levels
- Be familiar with and work within inter-agency child protection procedures developed by the local child protection agencies
- Be familiar with issues relating to child protection and abuse, and keep up to date with new developments in this area
- Keep up to date with national and local policies related to Safeguarding and cascade information to colleagues.

As a member of staff, you will:

- Ensure that teaching is based on current best available practice and is consistent with a high standard of practice
- Create an outstanding student experience through the effective management of a team of teachers and support staff
- Manage student issues within agreed protocols
- Undertake such other reasonable duties as the Headteacher may require from time to time and review this Job Description annually with the Headteacher
- Participate in the school's appraisal process and to undertake any training that may be appropriate
- Take appropriate responsibility to ensure the health and safety of self and others
- Pursue the achievement and integration of equal opportunities throughout all The Lion Works School's activities

	<p>Duties falling within the scope of designated contact hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision of teachers and support staff • Attending a range of professional's meetings • Attending meetings • Communicating with parents and professional stakeholders • Scheduled teaching • Leading on Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning practices • Educational guidance • Supporting learning on and off site <p>Other Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading staff training and development processes • Preparation of reports on student progress for parents/carers as appropriate • Participation in curriculum development activities • Attendance at consultation evenings, open evenings, and award events • Completion of paperwork in relation to student disciplinary matters • Attend staff development events as appropriate • Continually maintain and develop pedagogic skills • Industrial/commercial and academic updating of professional and technical skills • Planning and appropriate arrangements for student visit programs • Liaison with parents/guardians, the writing of reports • General administration relevant to the role <p>*The above list of duties is not exhaustive and is subject to change. The post holder may be required to undertake other duties within the scope and grading of the post.</p>
4.	Equal Opportunities
	<p>The Lion Works School will seek to ensure that all existing and potential employees and students are given equal opportunities for employment and education. It is committed to the elimination of unlawful or unfair discrimination on the grounds of sex, age, marital status, colour, race, nationality or other ethnic or national origin, disability, sexuality, trade union membership or activity and religious background.</p> <p>The school will seek to ensure that no applicant for employment or education is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be justified. The school aims to provide an open welcoming and safe environment for all its students, employees, and visitors.</p>
5.	Safeguarding
	<p>The Lion Works School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be conducted; references will be sought, and successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and other relevant checks with statutory bodies.</p> <p>We comply with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) code of practice and have a written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, both of which are available on request. If you are shortlisted, you will be required to declare any relevant convictions, adult cautions or other matters which may affect your suitability to work with children. As a result of amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions order 1975) in 2013 and 2020, some minor offences are now protected (filtered) and should not be disclosed to potential employers, and employers cannot take these offences into account.</p>
6.	Further Information
	This Job Description and Person Specification are current as of January 2024.

	In consultation with you, it is liable to variation to reflect changes in the job. If you have any queries relating to your Job Description and/or Person Specification, please consult the Headteacher.
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