**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** Specialist Teacher

**PURPOSE OF JOB:** 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.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Head of School

The job holder’s responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for who he/she is responsible, or with whom he/she comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School’s Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the role, the Job holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school he/she must report any concerns to the School’s Child Protection Officer or to the Head of School.

**TEACHING**

1. **Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils**

1.1 Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect

1.2 Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions

1.3 Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils

1. **Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils**

2.1 Beaccountable for pupils’ attainment, progress & outcomes

2.2 Be aware of pupils’ capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these

2.3 Guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs

2.4 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching

2.5 Encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study

1. **Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge**

3.1 Have secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils’ interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings

3.2 Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship

3.3 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

3.4 If teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics

3.5 If teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies

1. **Plan and teach well-structured lessons**

4.1 Impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time

Promote a love of learning and children’s intellectual curiosity

4.2 Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate & extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired

4.3 Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching

4.4 Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s)

1. **Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils**

5.1 Know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively

5.2 Have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils’ ability to learn, and how best to overcome these

5.3 Demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupil’s education at different stages of development

5.4 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

1. **Make acute and productive use of assessment**

6.1 Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements

6.2 Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils’ progress

6.3 Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons

6.4 Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback

1. **Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment**

7.1 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

7.2 Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly

7.3 Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils’ needs in order to involve and motivate them

7.4 Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary

1. **Fulfil wide professional responsibilities**

8.1 Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

8.2 Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support

8.3 Deploy support staff effectively

8.4 Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues

8.5 Communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils’ achievements and well-being

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal & professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour & attitudes that set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher’s career.

* Teachers uphold public trust in the profession & maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, with and outside school, by:
* Treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher’s professional position
* Having regards for the need to safeguard pupils’ well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
* Showing tolerance 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
* 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

**COMMUNICATION**

1. To maintain good communication with the teacher, colleagues, interested parties, parents and children.
2. Maintain appropriate level of liaison with the local community.
3. To foster and maintain good working relationships, acting as a courteous, friendly and business-like member of the school team.
4. To work in a co-operative, diplomatic and flexible manner.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

1. To comply with safety instructions and regulations.
2. To work in a manner which is safe and healthy for both yourself and others with whom you come into contact.
3. To promptly report all safety hazards and unsafe working practices.

**SELF DEVELOPMENT**

1. To take part in first-aid training.
2. Review own performance and identify self-development needs in discussion with line manager and colleagues as appropriate.
3. Attend in-service training courses as appropriate.

**GENERAL**

1. To be “consciously supportive” of colleagues
2. To foster and maintain good working relationships, acting as a courteous, friendly and business-like member of the school team.
3. To undertake such additional duties as might be reasonably requested by the Head of School or other authorised person.

**This job description should be considered as a framework and a guide to the**

**work of the post and may be subject to change in consultation with the post**

**holder.**