



Job Application Pack

Attendance Officer

NJC Scale 3 (£16,781 to £17,772), pro rata, per annum

Full Time 37 hours per week, Term Time Only, part-time hours also considered.

Closing Date: 9am on Monday 25th September 2017



Letter from the Head of School

Welcome.

Thank you for expressing an interest in a vacancy here. On behalf of the whole Toot Hill School Community, I extend you a very warm welcome.

I am really proud to be the Head of a vibrant school where students work positively with their teachers and take advantage of the numerous opportunities to develop their talents and aspirations.

Central to our vision, are exciting, engaging and inspiring lessons. The staff at Toot Hill work very hard to ensure all students enjoy their learning experiences and secure high levels of progress. It is our core belief that every student has the innate ability to succeed. The outcomes for the school in recent years have been really strong.

Our investment in staff is outstanding. Whatever the post, there is a clear professional development route map and we actively encourage leadership and risk taking at all levels.

As an Outstanding School, we are not complacent. We know that Toot Hill School can be even better, with a National and International reputation. Over the next few years we will continue to transform the school so that it becomes an even better place to shape young lives.

I look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Sandy Paley
Head of School



Letter from the CEO

Dear Candidate,

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to Toot Hill School and the tremendous opportunities this school offers the young people of Bingham.

Toot Hill School is the founder member of the Nova Education Trust. As an outstanding school (Ofsted 2012) we aim to set the standard of all schools within our trust.

We aim to be a 'great' school with recognition both nationally and internationally for the standard of education that we secure.

Critical to this, is the appointment of dynamic and innovative staff who can bring energy and initiative to the work of the school.

This is a tremendous opportunity to make a difference to the lives of young people, and will suit an ambitious professional looking to make their mark.

Thank you for showing an interest in working at Toot Hill School, and we look forward to receiving your application.

John Tomasevic
CEO Nova Education Trust



Application Details

Thank you for your interest in the Attendance Officer vacancy at Toot Hill School. Further details of this post, the school and the Trust are included in this pack and details of how to apply can be found below.

How to Apply

Should you wish to apply for the post, please complete an online application form and attach a covering letter addressed to Mrs. Paley, which clearly demonstrates your suitability for this role.

The online application form for this role is located on the current vacancies page of the school website www.toothillschool.co.uk. Wherever possible, please provide email addresses for your referees.

Closing Date

Please ensure your application arrives by 9am on the closing date of Monday 25 September 2017.

Interview:

Interviews dates for this role are yet to be confirmed. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks of the closing date, please assume that unfortunately, on this occasion, your application has not been successful.

Safeguarding

Toot Hill School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



Job Description

Post: Attendance Officer

Scale: Scale 3

Responsible to: Student Services Manager

Date of
Issue:

This job description identifies our expectations of support staff at Toot Hill School.

You are required to carry out your duties in line with the stated ethos and principles of the school.

Detailed information of your hours of work and leave entitlement are contained in your contract of employment. In general, support staff are required to work a 37 hour week (or pro rata) and arrangements for lunch breaks, start and finish times are by agreement with your immediate line manager and the Support Staff Line Manager. Annual leave and public holiday entitlements are as stated in your contract and all applications for leave should be approved by the Support Staff Line Manager.

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Directed time:

This Job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on any or all of them.

PART A

General Responsibilities

- To promote the corporate image of the school and high standards of behaviour and courtesy among pupils.
- To communicate effectively with the public and wider community and provide effective support for teaching staff and pupils.
- To promote and support the implementation of the school's aims, policies and values.
- To work flexibly as part of the support staff team to contribute to the smooth operation of the school.
- To use the schools computer hardware and software packages where appropriate.
- To commit to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

PART B

Specific Responsibilities

Attendance

- Oversee and monitor the attendance and punctuality of all students for assigned year groups
- Meet with key staff to discuss concerns regarding students whose attendance falls below 90% in order to identify the students who need to be targeted for intervention
- Work closely with the Head of Year and Pastoral SLT in addressing the needs of persistently absent students to ensure they return to School on a consistent basis
- To produce regular reports on attendance, with data to show improvements made by targeted cohort of students
- Carry out interviews with students and/or their parents to identify issues and concerns and put in place an appropriate plan to support students to improve their attendance
- Be mindful of the safeguarding issues around attendance and punctuality and where appropriate ensure that students are referred to the School Safeguarding team
- Ensuring effective communication between all staff regarding identified pupils and between school and home.
- To develop effective 1:1 relationships with pupils to enable positive rapport and monitoring of progress towards agreed goals
- Processing of absence messages and input of registers as necessary
- Production and distribution of attendance letters

Administration

- Administration tasks, including some to support the school nursing team, i.e. collecting in vaccination permission forms as well as working with other external agencies.
- Communication with parents via telephone and the production and distribution of letters
- Free School Dinners book administration and distribution
- Operation of system for loaning dinner money and the admin associated with this.
- The sale of school ties.
- Assist with the uniform shop
- Dealing with pupil lost property
- Support with management of the school buses to and from school
- Support and assist with supervision of pupils at lunch times

First Aid

- First aid and various duties associated with this, i.e. keeping medications up to date, first aid kits updated and purchase of stock
- To undertake any other duties as may reasonably be requested by the head of school



Person Specification

Factor	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE A*-C (or equivalent) in English and Maths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful further education
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working in an administrative role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working in a attendance monitoring role Experience of working in an educational setting
Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective time management skills Ability to prioritise workload and work towards deadlines Adaptable approach to work and confidence to respond and deal with unanticipated problems Ability to work effectively as part of a team and a willingness to support others Capability to work independently and use own initiative as and when required High level of attention to detail Good knowledge of practical science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of current attendance guidelines
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding communication skills Approachable Ability to establish good working relationships with teaching staff and pupils. Reliable Good organisational skills Able to use own initiative A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people 	



Overview of the Trust

The Nova Education Trust is a dynamic and growing Multi Academy Trust Group based in the East Midlands. Our Trust Group is committed to providing high quality education to all of our students, regardless of their backgrounds.

With a range of schools in the trust serving a variety of different communities, opportunities for career progression and wider professional experiences are extensive. We have outstanding CPD provision across our schools, supported by our Teaching School Alliance, which links 23 schools together, sharing effective practice and developing new models for staff development. We also have a unique programme designed to provide middle and senior leaders with all the skills required to develop their careers.

As an employer we offer an enhanced benefit package to all staff that includes help with healthcare and a fully-funded MA programme for all teaching staff. We can also offer help with relocation in certain circumstances. The Trust also has a policy of wider engagement for main-scale, middle and senior staff. In recent years, employees have visited schools in America, Canada, Finland, Singapore and South Africa as part of their professional development.

Overview of the School

Ethos

Toot Hill School has a very clear and distinctive ethos. We believe that through continually reviewing and reflecting upon every aspect of our work we provide students with the very best educational opportunities.

We encourage staff to be creative, independent and ambitious. We expect them to challenge and inspire our students, providing them with the motivation and support necessary to achieve their full potential.

We value commitment, independence and courtesy from all our students. We demand the very highest standards from our pupils and in return we value and respect their ideas and opinions. Through our Student Ambassadors and the Student Voice Committee, pupils at Toot Hill School have an active and important role in developing and improving their school.

To Summarise

- We have high expectations of students and staff;
- We believe every student can succeed;
- We ensure barriers to learning are challenged and overcome;
- We expect teaching to be well planned, varied and stimulating;



- We expect learning to be active, focused, social and engaging; and
- We insist on high standards of behaviour at all times.

Achievement

At Toot Hill School we believe that examination success allows our students to make the very most of their lives and student achievement is at the very heart of everything we do.

We have developed a curriculum designed to challenge and engage students, offering them the very best preparation for examination success and the skills and confidence required to make full use of those qualifications.

Exciting, engaging and inspiring lessons lie at the centre of our curriculum and as a school we constantly strive to provide your child with the very best educational experiences.

Should a student require additional support Toot Hill provides a range of support services that will ensure every student's success, whatever their individual educational needs.

Examination results provide a good indication of how well a school is serving its students. In the last three years, our GCSE outcomes of 5+ (A*-C) including English and Mathematics have placed us as one of the top performing schools both locally and nationally.

At Key Stage 5, Toot Hill College has an excellent track record with over 100% of students achieving A* to E. Students regularly secure places at Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group Universities, Higher Education colleges and employment.

Pastoral

At Toot Hill we pride ourselves on the quality of care, guidance and support given to individual pupils. At the core of this provision is a year system led by a Head of Year and supported by the Achievement Co-ordinator, Tutors, Student Welfare and Learning Support teams.

This system provides students with the care they need whilst allowing them to nurture friendships and develop a strong sense of community.

Tutors play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well supported and fully engaged in school life and serve as the first point of contact between school and home. There are regular updates of pupils' progress through termly reports, online data, twice yearly parent consultation days and a Parents' Evening.

Students progress through Toot Hill School their attainment and well-being is closely monitored, ensuring that they are recognised and rewarded when they succeed but also supported when things are more challenging.

Toot Hill is a very caring community and the health, happiness and well-being of students underpins our overall ethos and philosophy.



Curriculum

Our curriculum follows National Curriculum guidelines and aims to provide a broad and balanced learning experience for all.

At Key Stage 3 our two-year programme covers all the National Curriculum subjects. Students are taught in ability groups in the majority of subjects.

During our three year Key Stage 4 programme all students study the English Baccalaureate core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, a Modern Foreign language and a humanities subject such as Geography or History.

A wide range of option subjects including visual and performing arts, technology, sports and computing courses supplement the core curriculum. We expect all our students to achieve at least 8 passes at grades A*-C including the English Baccalaureate subjects.

Toot Hill College offers a range of pathways for students to continue learning with us during Key Stage 5 (16 - 18 years). We pride ourselves on our A Level provision and promote the highest aspirations for all our students.

Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular opportunities are an essential part of providing a balanced and exciting range of experiences in school. At Toot Hill the after-school 'Extra' programme provides students with an impressive range of courses and sessions most nights of the week.

Opportunities include Ancient History, Science, Mathematics, Latin, Cooking, Critical Thinking and a comprehensive range of sporting activities including football, hockey, netball, rugby, cross country, tennis and athletics are also available. Toot Hill students regularly compete at county level and our sports teams have a strong tradition of success.

Students' extra-curricular achievements are recorded and celebrated through our Nova award scheme. This programme allows students to build up a portfolio of their achievements throughout their time at Toot Hill School; essential for successful applications to university, college or work.

Music is very much at the heart of Toot Hill School and we encourage students to take up or continue playing a musical instrument. There are regular concerts and workshops where students can demonstrate and develop their performance skills.

The Performing Arts also take a leading role in school life with regular Drama productions allowing all students to fully explore their creativity. In 2014 our students performed West Side Story to a packed audience at the Newark Palace Theatre. This year we are performing Little Shop of Horrors in February.

In addition there are regular opportunities to travel including a Year 8 residential and international educational visits. In recent years Toot Hill students have travelled to France, Germany and Africa.



Student Voice

Student voice is active within the school with each year group choosing student representatives that meet through year councils and the college running a student's union format.

There are additional opportunities for students to be leaders through the Ambassador and Diplomat Program and all subjects have student representatives.

Students are involved in all aspects of school life and contribute to the interview process for new staff and assist at school open evenings. They have also delivered feedback to staff on aspects of teaching and learning, such as marking.

A new structure is being introduced next year with the college student's union and committee format being adopted across the school to ensure greater participation and encourage student responsibility and independence.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The Trust and all its schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All new staff within the Trust will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Each school in the Trust has a designated senior member of the leadership team who is responsible for referring and monitoring any suspected case of abuse. All members of staff will receive training in line with our child protection policy.