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Thank you for your interest in our Teaching Assistant vacancy. I hope that the provided information is helpful in encouraging you to apply for what is a vital role in our school.

De Aston is a warm, successful and vibrant 11-18 school, with excellent facilities and a genuinely comprehensive intake. We are a rural school, very much at the centre of the local community. We are also a boarding school, with over 50 students living here during school term, which helps to develop a unique and very positive ethos in the school. We are a growth mindset school and believe that our motto (*Believe. Strive. Achieve.*) captures our philosophy and energy.

The Learning Support Department supports approximately 175 students across all year groups, including the Sixth Form. These students have a wide range of learning and other needs and includes 15 students who have Education Health and Care Plans.

The department is led by the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) supported by the Senior Teaching Assistant. We have a team of four Teaching Assistants who support students in lessons, alongside four Teaching Assistants/Cover Supervisors who support in lessons when not covering for absent teaching staff. In addition, we have three Teaching Assistants who lead literacy and numeracy interventions.

Students with SEND are supported largely within their mainstream classes so that they have equal access to the ideas, concepts, attitudes and experiences that other students have. When appropriate, students may be withdrawn to work in the Learning Support Department in order to receive some individual or small group teaching. The department runs a number of withdrawal groups, based on the individual needs of the students. These involve literacy, numeracy and social skills.

De Aston is a school with a total commitment to comprehensive education and has an outstanding academic and pastoral record. The school benefits from a Boarding House which accommodates students from around the world as well as the UK. Visitors almost always comment on how friendly and pleasant the students are.

We are proud of our success at receiving Artsmark Gold and Careers Mark. This reflects not only the commitment to and from a dedicated and hardworking staff, but also the enthusiasm and involvement of pupils, and the significance of the school to its locality, which it supports through a number of social, cultural and sporting activities at a level which is surprising given the relative small size of the town.

The successful candidate may be assured that they will be working as part of a lively team and will find a good programme of professional support and career development within the department, the school and the Lincolnshire Schools Teaching Alliance.

Headteacher Mr S Porter Deputy Headteachers Mr M Bray • Mr P Williams



Lincolnshire, as a county, offers excellent value for money in the housing market and consequently our standard of living is higher than in other areas of the country. The countryside around Market Rasen is outstanding as we are situated on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds which is fast becoming a popular choice as a holiday destination and a good place to live, whilst also having the benefits of the historic city of Lincoln 30 minutes' drive away.

De Aston School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact Neil Huddleston, Assistant Headteacher – Professional Standards, should you require any further information or you would like to arrange a visit.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Porter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' and 'P'.

Simon Porter
Headteacher