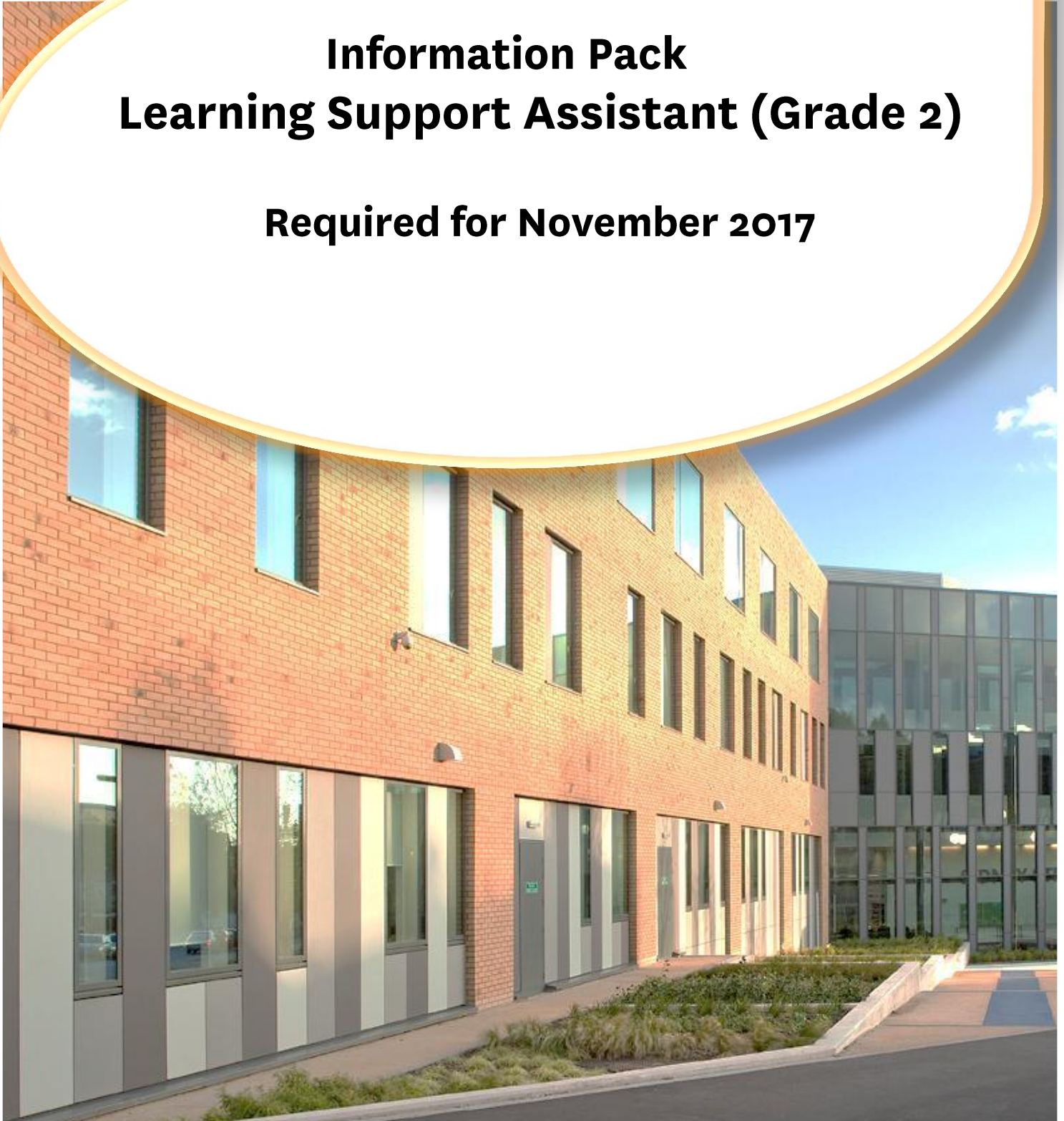


Information Pack Learning Support Assistant (Grade 2)

Required for November 2017



Sidney Stringer Academy Multi Academy Trust consists of five schools led by Sidney Stringer Academy. The schools are Radford Primary Academy, Ernesford Grange Community Academy, Riverbank Academy (Special School), Sidney Stringer Academy and Sidney Stringer Primary Free School.

All of the schools in the trust are working together with the ambition of becoming outstanding.

As the Trust develops we are exploring the opportunities of creating shared posts and services across the schools so that we can benefit from economies of scale.



Learning Support Assistant

You will be part of a large learning support team and will work closely with members of this team as well as with teachers in departments. You will also be expected to be a co-tutor, which means that you will provide support to a form tutor and belong to one of our five houses.

This could be a fantastic opportunity for someone who wants to consider a career in teaching. Many of our Learning Support Assistants in recent years have gone on to do a

PGCE or schools direct courses and have found their experience as a Learning Support assistant invaluable. We are also the lead for the

Coventry SCITT (School Centre for Initial Teacher Training) so if teaching is something you would like to pursue Sidney Stringer Academy is definitely the best place to be (please see the SCITT website for further information).

You will be providing a considerable amount of support in the learning support base and will be expected to work independently with small groups and plan and prepare for this. You will need to have good behaviour management skills or the ability to develop them.



Why work at Sidney Stringer:

- 100% attendance - 1 day off following year
- Staff Development- new leadership challenge programme and subsidies for Masters' degree courses

- Free tea and coffee
- Social committee with subsidised events
- Occupational health and counselling support
- £50 a day for taking trips at weekends/
Holidays
- Cycle Scheme
- Childcare Voucher Scheme
- Free parking
- Free Flu jabs
- Long service awards



JOB DESCRIPTION – Learning Support Assistant (Grade 2)

Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Reporting to: Head of Learning Support

**Hours: 32 hours per week – Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 3.20pm
(plus an extra 20 minutes worked every week)
Term time only plus 5 days**

Job Purpose:

Under the instruction/guidance of the class teacher or Head of Learning Support to undertake care, learning programmes and activities to support individuals or groups of pupils. This includes more specific support for those with special education needs to enable access to learning for students and assist the teacher in the management of students in the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or in other teaching areas.

In relation to the individual student

- To develop an understanding of the special educational needs of the students concerned
- To take into account the student's special educational needs and ensure their access to the lesson and content through appropriate clarification, explanations, equipment and materials
- To build and maintain successful relationships with students, treat them consistently, with respect and consideration.
- To help promote independent learning and encourage students to develop study and organisational skills
- To help reinforce learning and assess understanding
- To assist students with physical needs
- To help students record work in an appropriate way
- To help keep the students on task and to build motivation
- To model good practice
- To build the student confidence and enhance self esteem
- To have formal and informal meetings with teachers to contribute to planning lessons/activities
- To prepare materials and resources
- To establish good student relationships, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual needs

- Use strategies, liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.
- To produce and use differentiated activities with identified groups or individuals
- To provide 1:1 student support as required
- To support the teacher in implementing specific teaching programmes
- To supervise practical tasks
- To carry out structured classroom assessment/observation and feedback outcomes
- To record and analyse student's progress data to ensure students in the lesson are targeted appropriately
- To work as part of the team in relation to individual students; liaising, advising and consulting where appropriate
- To support implementation of school policies and procedures, including those relating to confidentiality and behaviour
- To identify personal training needs and to attend appropriate internal and external in-service training
- Provide support to a form tutor as a co-tutor

Other Duties

- To undertake such other duties, training and/or hours of work as may well be reasonably required and which are consistent with the role.
- To participate in performance management arrangements.
- To adhere to published school policies and procedures.
- To attend regular meetings with line manager

To undertake any other duties that may be reasonably deemed part of the role.

Safeguarding

Teachers are accountable for the way in which they exercise authority, manage risk, use resources and protect students from discrimination and avoidable harm. All staff, whether paid or voluntary, have a duty to keep young people safe and to protect them from physical harm. When an individual accepts a role that involves working with children and young people they need to understand and acknowledge that the responsibilities and trust are inherent in that role.

- The jobholder is expected to observe their obligations in accordance with the Academy's Child Protection Procedure, and to report any concerns that they may have regarding a child or young person's welfare to the appropriate person. A copy of the Academy's Child Protection Procedure can be obtained from the jobholder's line manager.
- ***The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.***

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

This job is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Appointment to this job is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure being obtained, and any relevant convictions cautions and reprimands being considered. Any convictions cautions or reprimands of relevance, obtained by the jobholder after enhanced DBS clearance has been acquired, must be disclosed to the Principal by the jobholder. Failure by the jobholder to do so, or the obtaining by the jobholder of a relevant conviction caution or reprimand, may be managed in accordance with the Academy's Disciplinary Procedure.

Health and Safety

The jobholder is required to exercise their duty of care by taking responsibility for their own health and safety and the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions (failure to act). Full guidance regarding health and safety is set out in the Academy's Health and Safety Policy and in any risk assessments relevant to the jobholder's role or circumstances. Both can be accessed via the jobholder's line manager and must be observed.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

The jobholder is expected to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Any information they have access to, or are responsible for, must be managed appropriately and any requirements for confidentiality and security observed. Information must not be disclosed to any person or Authority, for example a parent or the Police, without observing the correct procedure for disclosure as set out in the Academy's Data Protection Policy.

Equality and Diversity

Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust is committed to equality and values diversity. As such the Academy is committed to fulfilling its Equality Duty obligations, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Duty requires the Academy to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share characteristics, such as age, gender, race and faith, and people who do not share them. Staff and volunteers are required to treat all people they come into contact with, with dignity and respect and are entitled to expect this in return.

Training and Development

Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust has a shared responsibility with the jobholder for identifying and satisfying training and development needs. The jobholder is expected to actively contribute to their own continuous professional development, and to attend and participate in any training or development activities required to assist them in undertaking their role and meeting their safeguarding and general obligations.

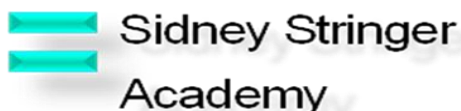
This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the jobholder and identifies the level of responsibility at which the jobholder will be required to work, as at the date on which the last review took place.

*This job description may subject to review and/ or amendment at any time to reflect the requirements of the job. Any amendments will be made in consultation with any existing jobholder, and will be commensurate with the grade for the job. The jobholder is expected to comply with any reasonable management requests. **Job Description Reviewed By: C. Turpin (June 2017)***

PERSON SPECIFICATION

SPECIFICATION	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualification and Training	Good numeracy/literacy skills	Evidence of qualifications in this area Education to A level or its equivalent and beyond Qualifications in ICT
Experience	Evidence of having worked with children in some capacity	Relevant work experience in a similar environment Experience of working with children with SEN, preferably at secondary age
Qualities, Skills, Knowledge and Abilities.	A positive interest in working with students Knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice and awareness of legislation General understanding of National Curriculum and other basic learning programmes Ability to relate well to children and adults; sense of humour Adaptability Able to work on own and as part of a team Ability to build good working relationships with a range of colleagues A clear communicator Ability to work calmly and with patience	An interest in ICT
Health	A good attendance record Evidence of the stamina required to cope with the demands of the post	
References	Supportive	

All employees of Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust are required to comply with the Academy Equal Opportunities Policy when undertaking the duties of their job.



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We are looking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join our Learning Support Team. As a Learning Support Assistant you will be responsible for working with small groups of students in the Learning Support area as well as some in class support.

If you would like further information or to discuss the post in more detail then please contact

Anna Hickinbottom (Head of Learning Support) – ahickinbottom.staff@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

How to apply

If you are ambitious for yourself and want to be part of a great team at this really exciting time then we would like to meet you.

For further details, an application form, and to apply, please visit our website:

www.sidneystringertrust.org.uk

Please return completed application forms to Louise Gregory (Admin Assistant HR) - lgregory.staff@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk [No hard copies to be sent in the post].

We look forward to receiving your completed application form.

Closing date: Friday 13th October 2017 at 12 noon

Interview date to be confirmed

Any offer of employment to the above post will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.