** Medina House School**

**Teachers Job Description**

Using the Teachers Standards (Sept 12) as standard, any Medina House additions are in italic

**PREAMBLE**

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.

**PART ONE: TEACHING**

**A teacher must:**

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

* establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in

mutual respect

* set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities

and dispositions

* demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour

which are expected of pupils.

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

* be accountable for pupils’ attainment, progress and outcomes
* plan teaching to build on pupils’ capabilities and prior knowledge
* guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging

needs

* demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching
* encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study

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

* have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils’ interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
* demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship
* 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
* if teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
* *Establish, extend and model communication strategies relevant to the pupils needs.*
  + if teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies
  + *Be responsible for an agreed area(s) of the curriculum*

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

* impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of

lesson time

* promote a love of learning and children’s intellectual curiosity
* set homework and plan other out-of class activities to consolidate

and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired

* reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to

teaching

* contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum

within the relevant subject area(s)

* *to produce half-termly, weekly and daily plans as needed, which are*

*available for support staff and senior staff each day. There should be*

*sufficient detail so that support staff or supply staff can continue*

*seamlessly in your absence.*

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

* know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches

which enable pupils to be taught effectively

* have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit

pupils’ ability to learn, and how best to overcome these

* demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual

development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils’ education at different stages of development

* have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils; those of high

ability; those with English as an additional language; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

**6. Make accurate and productive use of assessment**

* know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum

areas, including statutory assessment requirements

* make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils’

progress

* use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent

lessons

* 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**

* 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

* have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for
* discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards

consistently and fairly

* manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to

pupils’ needs in order to involve and motivate them

* maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority,

and act decisively when necessary

* *work with Behaviour Manager to ensure any behaviour*

*plans are consistently followed by whole class team.*

* *Ensure whole class team engage in agreed recording of behaviours to ensure accurate tracking to inform future behaviour plans*

1. **Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**
   * make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
   * develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing

how and when to draw on advice and specialist support

* + deploy support staff, *(including* *students and volunteers),* effectively *and take responsibility for developing their skills*
  + take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
  + communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils’ achievements and well-being.

**PART TWO: PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

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

* Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:-
  + treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher’s professional position
  + having regard for the need to safeguard pupils’ well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
  + showing tolerance of 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.

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