

Interested in joining the estates team at Prospere Learning Trust?

We asked our staff to share their experiences to help give you an insight into the role.

BACKGROUND

I was a builder for over 20 years and then I was a self-employed energy assessor issuing Energy Performance Certificates for both domestic and commercial properties. I wanted a career change and saw a Caretaker job advertised for one of the Trust schools, my skill set transfers well to this type of role so I applied and was successful. Since then I have moved to another Trust school and received a promotion to Lead Caretaker.

MY DAY

Each day is completely different as we respond to the needs of the site and the staff but there are a few routine daily tasks beginning with opening up the building and checking the site is safe and tidy. I check the online system for maintenance requests, liaise with the cleaning team, and then prepare the hall for assemblies. Throughout the day I might work with external suppliers and contractors, distribute deliveries across the school and attend to general maintenance issues. Other monthly routine jobs are checking the emergency lighting, alarm testing, legionella tests and lift communications. I also liaise with the Site Manager and wider estates team on scheduled work for the holidays and facilitate this with our contractors.

THE BEST PART OF MY JOB

I really enjoy the variety my job offers, this means that there are often new challenges and each day is interesting. Working across the whole school also means I get to work with lots of different people from different teams which is something I really enjoy.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

After a weekend of extreme weather there was a leak which flooded part of the internal site. With students and staff due in the building for the start of the school day, myself and my team had to work quickly and efficiently to prevent further damage, move equipment and furniture and secure the area for the safety of the students. This was a huge challenge but we managed to secure the site with little interruption to the lessons.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

In this role you will need:

- ⦿ to be proactive and organised
- ⦿ to be positive and flexible
- ⦿ great communication skills
- ⦿ to be able to prioritise
- ⦿ to work well under pressure

A DAY IN THE LIFE



NAME: LESTER

ROLE: LEAD CARETAKER

I work as a Lead Caretaker at Manchester Enterprise Academy (MEA).

I work within the school site team who work to ensure the safe and smooth operation of the school.



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