LEIGH
Academies Trust

Job Pack

Facilities Manager
Leigh Academy Blackheath

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in joining Leigh Academies Trust. This job pack is designed to give you a deeper understanding of who we are, what we stand for, and what you can expect as a valued member of our team.

Inside, you'll find key details about our Trust, the academy where the role is based, and the position itself. We've also included insights into our culture, values, and the many benefits of working with us. Whether you're an experienced educator or just beginning your journey in education, we hope this pack helps you see how your goals align with ours.

We're excited to learn more about you and we hope this pack helps you decide if this is the right opportunity for your next career step.

For further information and support on our hiring processes, please view our Careers Page.

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Welcome from our CEO



Leigh Academies Trust (LAT) is one of the largest and most successful school groups in England. Starting in 2008 in Dartford, the Trust is now responsible for 33 academies of all types, educating over 24,000 pupils, employing almost 4,000 talented staff and with access to an annual income of over £250m. Our Ofsted track record is impressive. Currently, 56% of our academies are considered to be "Outstanding" whilst inspected as part of the Trust.

LAT has remained local with all of its academies located in the South East (Kent, Medway, Bexley and Greenwich), within a one hour drive across the South Thames Corridor. This helps us to share resources and expertise much more easily and offer abundant training and progression opportunities to staff. We invest heavily in our workforce and enjoy strong retention across all job roles. The Trust has embedded various advantages which mean that LAT is an excellent place to develop a career in education. This includes being a highly inclusive employer which celebrates the diversity of its workforce.

Our scale and experience means we have been able to develop several well-chosen approaches to running schools which we know work well. These include:

- A small school approach to education where larger academies are organised into colleges. This ensures high quality pastoral care for pupils.
- A world class digital strategy where all staff and pupils have their own device making teaching, learning and operations efficient and highly impactful.
- Disruption free learning and a "warm strict" approach to behaviour management so that teachers can teach and pupils can learn.
- An all-through International Baccalaureate curriculum equivalent in quality to some of the best fee-paying schools and grammar schools in the UK and further afield.

In addition, The Leigh Institute - which is part of LAT - is responsible for Kent and Medway Training, one of the region's biggest initial teacher training organisations, a large teaching school hub called Thames Gateway and an accredited apprenticeship provider. This powerful organisation trains, develops and supports 1,000s of teachers, support staff and leadership teams across the region each year. Our future plans are found in our **Vision 2030**, available on our website.

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Our Benefits

At Leigh Academies Trust, we believe that our people are our greatest asset. That's why we offer a comprehensive and competitive benefits package designed to support your wellbeing, reward your contribution, and help you thrive both professionally and personally.

From continuous professional development and career progression opportunities to flexible working arrangements, health and wellbeing support, and exclusive staff discounts - you'll find that working with us is about more than just a job.

Explore our full range of benefits here: **latcareers.org.uk/benefits**

Our Mission: *Education for a better world*

At Leigh Academies Trust, our vision is to transform lives through education. We strive to ensure that every young person - regardless of background - has access to an outstanding education and the opportunity to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We are guided by four core values that shape everything we do:

- **We care** – about our pupils and their families through our human scale approach to education, our staff and their well-being and the world around us, driven by our high ideals and strong moral values.
- **We have boundless ambition** – to achieve excellence for all and create confident young adults with high levels of resilience and integrity.
- **We work together** – as one team because we are greater than the sum of our parts. We foster an enterprising culture through global collaboration with partners in business and education.
- **We keep getting better** – using our 'can-do' attitude and research informed approach to continuous improvement and innovation.

This shared vision unites our academies and teams, creating a strong, collaborative environment where staff and students can flourish.

Job Description

Job Title: Facilities Manager
Reports to: Service Delivery Manager
Location: Leigh Academy Blackheath

Leigh Academies Trust is a highly successful multi-academy trust. Our model of education enables students to reach their full potential, transforming their lives and ultimately the communities in which they live.

Main purpose of role:

To manage, within an allocated academy/academies, key areas of responsibility on behalf of the Infrastructure team, ensuring a warm, safe, dry and presentable environment, whilst providing an efficient, customer-focused service to the Principal, fulfilling their requirements.

This will enable each academy to efficiently and effectively maximise facilities and resources, to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

Main Responsibilities:

Whilst working collaboratively as part of the Trust Infrastructure team, each Facilities Manager will be responsible for key areas of responsibility listed below and is responsible for their delivery within their allocated academy or academies:

Facilities Management

- Delivery of Statutory and non statutory maintenance;
- Working in liaison with the Technical Managers in relation to the M&E PPM contract and other related technical matters including but not limited to:
    - Hosting of contract staff for pre-arranged visits
    - Feeding back to Technical Managers on contractor performance
    - Receipt of remedial works to be carried out and owned locally including, but not limited to:
        - M&E PPM
        - Asbestos surveys
        - Water hygiene risk assessments
        - EICR
        - Kitchen equipment PPM
- Ensure building utilities consumption is managed and operated in the most efficient manner;
- Premises management including out of hours provision, lockdowns, evacuations and closures;
- Building and grounds maintenance;
- Work with Project Managers on the delivery of projects;
- Management of local and centralised maintenance contractors.

Contract Supervision

To act as the first contact for the academy relating to facilities contract matters and ensure that deliverables are monitored and tracked, holding contractors to account (e.g. carrying out cleaning audits) and escalating issues that require it to Service Delivery Manager (Estates). These contracts include, but are not limited to:

- Cleaning;
- Waste;
- Grounds maintenance;
- Lettings.

Compliance

Support the Compliance Manager to triage compliance matters and ensure that deliverables are monitored and tracked, including but not limited to:

- Health and Safety;
- Local policies;
- Business continuity and emergency planning and management;
- Travel, transport and vehicle management;
- Environmental management and sustainability (meter readings and analysis, recycling, waste data, green initiatives).

Communication and collaboration

- Line management and performance management of Facilities Assistants and other Infrastructure staff, including workload;
- Ensure the availability of staff in line with the Annual Leave Policy;
- To build effective, professional relationships with academy teams as well as local and central teams;
- Work collaboratively with and support other Facilities Managers, both within the local area and the wider Infrastructure team, to ensure consistency and sharing of best practice;
- Promote and monitor the use of the CAFM system;
- Proactively support Service Delivery Manager (Estates) and the wider Infrastructure team to ensure the estate and its operations support educational goals effectively;
- Supporting Trust-wide initiatives and events.

Budget & Finance

- Work within the set budget;
- Liaise with Service Delivery Manager (Estates) in relation to required expenditure;
- Raise orders using the Trust ordering process.

Notes:

- The postholder will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from the Service Delivery Manager (Estates) or their nominee to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.
- Reasonable travel will be required in the post holder's own vehicle.

Safeguarding of students and Duty of Care

All staff, regardless of role, level of seniority and location, have a responsibility to ensure the highest levels of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils, and we expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We must collectively create an environment where children feel safe to learn, play, and grow. Children should feel comfortable in their surroundings and know that they can approach any responsible adult with any problems or concerns.

All staff must be able to identify any children who are at risk of harm, and know the characteristics of abuse or neglect. If you suspect or confirm harm then it's essential you know what actions to take.

Annual safeguarding training is offered to all staff at Leigh Academies Trust, and it is the staff member's responsibility to be aware of the most up to date guidance documented in the **Keeping Children Safe in Education document (Department of Education)**.

Notes

The job description allocates duties and responsibilities but does not direct the particular amount of time to be spent on carrying them out and no part of it may be so construed. This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed at least once a year and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after consultation with the holder of the post.

The duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the academy/business unit at the reasonable discretion of the Principal/Academies Director. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post-holder is expected and required to perform and complete the particular duties as set out in the foregoing.

Person Specification

As a Trust we seek to recruit talented individuals who can not only help to build the success of our academies but also people who are engaging and passionate about everything they do.

For the role of Facilities Manager, we would expect candidates to demonstrate:

- Has previous experience in managing a team and being a strong people manager
- Proven experience in managing general maintenance and minor repair tasks, including DIY and refurbishment work;
- Demonstrable knowledge of Health and Safety procedures, with the ability to ensure the safety and security of a busy site;
- IT Skills to support administrative tasks and communication;
- An understanding of safeguarding principles, particularly within a school setting;
- Experience working both independently and collaboratively as part of a team;
- Strong communication skills;
- Good organisational skills to manage a varied workload and prioritise tasks effectively;
- A hardworking and conscientious attitude, with a proactive approach to duties;
- Familiarity with budget management and financial processes, such as raising purchase orders.
- Reliable and trustworthy

The post holder will also be expected to undertake any other tasks as reasonably required by the Senior Infrastructure Services Team to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the academy.

Apply

We're delighted that you're considering joining Leigh Academies Trust. To apply for this opportunity, please submit your online application via the job advert on our current vacancies page.

We recommend taking the time to review the job description and person specification in order to also tailor your application to show how your skills and experience align with the role.

You'll need to have the following ready when applying:

- Personal details/contact information
- An up-to-date CV and/or personal statement
- Employment and education history
- Contact details for a minimum of 2 references

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A member of the Recruitment Team will be in touch to help find the right role for you!

