

# **JOB DESCRIPTION OF A TEACHER AT FELSTED PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

## **CORE PURPOSE**

***The postholder will be required to exercise his or her professional skills and judgement to carry out, in a collaborative manner, the professional duties set out below.***

To be accountable for raising the standards of teaching, learning and attainment of pupils taught directly by them in their subject or curriculum area. To deliver the professional responsibilities common to all classroom teachers at the school as listed below to a good standard. When required, to undertake regular Tutoring of a group of pupils to support and enhance their progress by establishing excellent relationships, offering good advice and assistance with the setting of 'learning targets', and support of a wider nature as required. To make an appropriate and significant contribution to the extra-curricular activities and life of the School.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Head of Department and Head of Year, and through them to the member of LT appointed as Line Manager for that Department or area of the School; and ultimately to the Head.

## **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING:***

#### **1. Professional Attributes**

Including high expectations of all pupils, establishing strong and positive relationships, acting as a role model, developing awareness of professional and legal responsibilities as a teacher, understanding the way the School works, and sharing in collective responsibility for implementing its policies and procedures.

#### **2. Teaching and Learning**

Maximising learning outcomes through high expectations, personalised learning; excellent subject knowledge; strong professional knowledge of the learning process; good classroom management and professional judgement; and a reflective and self-evaluative approach to personal professional development and the enhancement of teaching and learning.

#### **3. Tutoring**

To support and carry out Tutoring as a Form Tutor or Boarding Assistant or both as directed by the Head of Year or Head of Boarding.

#### **4. Extra-Curricular Commitment**

To make an appropriate and significant contribution to the extra-curricular activities and life of the School.

#### **5. Working Collaboratively**

To work collaboratively within the Department or curriculum area team at all times

#### **6. To take Responsibility for Personal Professional Development**

To act upon advice and feedback, to identify training priorities and needs, and to undertake appropriate courses, development sessions, and qualifications as appropriate

***Please see the attached detailed illustrative list of these responsibilities for further guidance.***

# **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEACHER – DETAILED ILLUSTRATIVE LIST**

## **1. PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES**

- 1.1 Have high expectations of pupils including a commitment to ensuring they can achieve their full educational potential and to establishing fair, respectful, trusting, supportive and constructive relationships with them
- 1.2 Demonstrating the positive values, attitudes and behaviour which the teacher also expects from pupils.
- 1.3 Awareness of and compliance with the professional and legal duties of teachers and the statutory framework within which they work, including Health and Safety and Child Protection issues.
- 1.4 Awareness of the policies and practices of the workplace and sharing in collective responsibility for their implementation.
- 1.5 Work co-operatively and collaboratively with colleagues in and out of the classroom.
- 1.6 Understand the management and line management structures of the school and the roles of colleagues with specific responsibilities

## **2. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **2.1 Setting High Expectations**

- a. Setting high and appropriate expectations for all pupils
- b. Demonstrating that the teacher is a positive role model at all times
- c. To be able to maximise the learning outcomes of a class over a period of time
- d. To support and implement the concept of 'personalised learning', and to be able to maximise the learning outcomes of each individual for whom they have responsibility
- e. To make appropriate provision for individuals with particular needs such as Learning Support or Very Able Pupil provision

### **2.2 Capacity to Reflect and Evaluate**

- a. To engage in regular reflection and self-evaluation regarding professional practice, and to be able to evaluate the impact of their teaching on the progress of all their pupils and modify it appropriately.

## **3. WORKING COLLABORATIVELY**

- 3.1 Communicate effectively as required with pupils, colleagues, Governors and parents
- 3.2 Liaise with other teachers, pastoral staff, and parents / guardians as required to promote the well-being of pupils and with HODs and pastoral staff in the case of pupil learning or behavioural difficulties
- 3.3 To advise the Head of Department of resource or curriculum needs of which he /she may not be aware
- 3.4 To undertake an equitable share of the setting and marking of internal examinations or public examination coursework assessment as directed by the Head of Department
- 3.5 To contribute to Schemes of Work and learning resources as agreed
- 3.6 To provide all relevant information to the Head of Department as required – predicted grades, pupil entries, attendance, and any other information requested, and to make sure that pupils are well informed about all relevant subject information and deadlines
- 3.7 To report back to the Department from INSET or working groups
- 3.8 To support the Head of Department in providing professional support and guidance for student teachers or NQTs within the Department
- 3.9 To be familiar with procedures within the Staff Handbook to help the smooth running of the school
- 3.10 Contributing to school self-review and to the relevant sections of the school Self Evaluation process concerning Department effectiveness
- 3.11 Any other duties that might reasonably be expected of a Subject Teacher, as befits this standard position within the school staffing structure

#### **4. TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1 To undertake appropriate in school or externally provided professional development as agreed with the Head of Department and Head and Deputy Head to enhance teaching skills and subject knowledge
- 4.2 Act upon advice and feedback, and be open to coaching and mentoring
- 4.3 To play a role as appropriate in the development of Department self-review and approaches to teaching and learning; to undertake responsibilities within the Department which might be reasonably delegated or shared
- 4.4 To participate in Departmental consultation concerning the subject or curriculum area and the cross-curricular work of the Department as appropriate
- 4.5 To identify other key areas for personal development in knowledge and skills which will enhance the development of the school's provision, in line with the School Improvement Plan

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