



Clarendon
Academy



Teaching Assistant (Link / Behaviour support)

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Welcome from **Rob Price**

Acorn Education Trust CEO

Thank you for your interest in one of our vacancies; I hope the information enclosed in this pack inspires you to apply.

Acorn Education Trust was established in 2014. We now serve 23 settings: 17 Primary Schools, 4 Secondary Schools, and 2 Nurseries.

Our Trust has a family feel to it. Our vision is to 'prepare young people for their world in their time' and this sits at the heart of all we do. We aim to transform lives through education, and we strive every day to achieve that through strong, supportive leadership and a keen focus on teaching and learning.

Our Acorn Values:

- A** Active and visible leadership
- C** Care, support and challenge
- O** Opportunities for all
- R** Readiness to reach out
- N** Needs of all are paramount

In Acorn, we are proud to say that every Headteacher can focus on leading teaching and learning in their school. Our Central Services manage the business element of the Trust which allows us to share resources, improve IT and estates infrastructure, and invest in school-to-school support. This allows the Headteacher and staff more time to devote to those who really matter: the children.

Whatever role you are applying for, whether in one of our schools or as part of the central team, we hope you can align with our vision and values, have the determination to succeed, and are up for a challenge. In turn, we will provide you with a comprehensive and supportive induction programme, professional development, and a career with Acorn. As well as a great deal of fun.

We hope this information pack provides you with a flavour of working within our Trust and we eagerly look forward to receiving your application.





About Clarendon Academy

Respect, determination and excellence

Clarendon Academy is a thriving co-educational, non-denominational secondary school and sixth form, educating young people between the ages of 11 and 18 years. Located in the bustling town of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, our school has a strong reputation in the local community, and beyond, for being a school with high standards of teaching and learning.

We pride ourselves on being a centre of excellence and a place where young, enthusiastic children enter in Year 7 and leave us at the end of Year 13 as fully rounded young adults. Our staff aim for every lesson, every day, to be exceptional. To support this, we ensure that all staff receive regular training so they can continue to develop their craft. Our curriculum is enhanced by the strong pastoral support offered by all staff. We care deeply about our students and work tirelessly to ensure they feel that they belong and can achieve their dreams.

In June 2023 we retained our 'Good' Ofsted rating and were praised for our high-quality, well sequenced curriculum and for our staff, who not only have good subject knowledge but also know our pupils exceptionally well.

In 2018 we joined Acorn Education Trust, which has provided exciting opportunities to improve local education and draw on collective experience. We work closely with other schools within the Trust and the central team to help us continue to grow from strength to strength.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Louise Hamilton
Acorn Director of Secondary Education

For more information, please visit our website: www.clarendonacademy.com

Job Description

Job Title	Teaching Assistant (Link / Behaviour support)
Reporting to	Head of SEND / Headteacher

Main Purpose

The Teaching Assistant (Link / Behaviour support) will:

- Work with our dedicated Enhanced (Link) Provision and Behaviour team to support students with complex needs, including those requiring SEN and behaviour support
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning, and experience a sense of achievement

Duties and Responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

- Under direction, demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the Teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and those with other complex needs
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities;
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures;
- Support Link teachers / the Behaviour team with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment;
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment;
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the Link teacher / Behaviour team;
- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable;
- Supervise pupils during unstructured time.
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning;
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the Link teacher / Behaviour team.

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons

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Job Description Continued

Duties and Responsibilities cont.

Working with staff, parents/carers and relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the Link teacher / Behaviour team;
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- Contribute to meetings with parents and carers by providing feedback on pupil progress, attainment and barriers to learning, as directed by teachers
- With the Link teacher / Behaviour team, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress, or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' wellbeing by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Safeguarding

- Work in line with statutory safeguarding guidance (e.g. Keeping Children Safe in Education, Prevent) and our safeguarding and child protection policies
- Promote the safeguarding of all pupils in the school

Other duties

- All Multi-Academy personnel are periodically expected to carry out tasks and duties within their area of competence not listed herein, as directed, to meet the needs of the business. The particular duties and responsibilities may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed.

Please note: This Job Description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential
Qualifications and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE or equivalent level, including at least a Grade 4 (previously Grade C) in English and Maths• First-aid training, or willingness to complete it
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience working in a school environment or other educational setting• Experience working with children / young people• Experience in supporting children / young people with SEN and / or behavioural needs (advantageous)• Experience planning and delivering learning activities
Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good literacy and numeracy skills• Good organisational skills• Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults• Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils• Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs• Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils• Excellent verbal communication skills• Active listening skills• The ability to remain calm in stressful situations• Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children• Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning• Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context

The Teaching Assistant (Link / Behaviour support) will be required to follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the successful applicant will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role.

Support for Our Staff

Whether your role is in a school or the central team, you will be part of a caring team that will provide you with the support and challenge needed to fulfil your role effectively.

Continued Professional Development (CPD)

- A comprehensive induction programme for all new staff (across all roles), that includes mentor and peer support
- Statutory training on safeguarding, health & safety and GDPR
- Access to over 2,500 world-leading courses, webinars and resources via the National College online training platform
- Support for Early Career Teachers (ECTs)
- Role specific training for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) roles
- School based training, including mentoring and coaching from senior leaders within school and across the wider Trust; Cross phase and school to school support
- Subject communities, across primary and secondary level, to share good practice across the Trust
- Opportunities to role shadow
- Apprenticeships available at various levels across the Trust for multiple roles, including Teaching, Teaching Assistants, Nursery and IT Technicians

Health and Wellbeing

- A strong culture of wellbeing across all schools and the central team
- Family friendly policies, including comprehensive flexible working policy, adoption leave policy, maternity and paternity (including shared parental leave) policies and staff wellbeing policy
- Access to [Care First](#), an employee assistance programme which provides confidential support on health and wellbeing, relationships, money issues, bereavement and loss, stress, anxiety and depression and much more

Pensions

- Teacher pension
- Local government pension
- Nest pension

Staff wellbeing is very important at Acorn Education Trust. We are consistently looking for new ways to improve our offering, and, regularly collect feedback at all levels to check in with our staff and ensure they feel supported in their role.

How to Apply

If you would like more information about this role, please contact the school office via email at aes@clarendonacademy.com or by phone on 01225 762686.

To Apply

Please visit our [Acorn careers page](#) to complete an application form.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a one-day interview

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Clarendon Academy as part of the Acorn Education Trust, is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. If successful in obtaining this post you will be subject to a Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service and health screening. We are an equal opportunities employer. As part of our safer recruitment processes, if you are shortlisted for the post, we will carry out a social media account search.

Applicant Information Pack



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**Thank you for
taking the time to
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information pack.**



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