

# Northumberland Church of England School Trust

# **JOB DESCRIPTION**

JOB TITLE: Behaviour support worker/LSA within SEMH provision

SCHOOL/SECTOR Dukes Secondary School

SALARY: Band 4

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** SEMH Alternative Provision Lead

Northumberland Church of England School Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Trust will provide an environment in which the personal attributes, strengths and academic excellence of staff will enable the creation of opportunities for all to develop their potential to the full; creating confident, independent, versatile and successful adults, equipped with the skills and values to meet the challenges of a changing society and to provide the best possible educational foundation for life.

It is essential that the post holder actively supports the vision and ethos of the Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust .

## **PURPOSE OF JOB:**

You will work within our new SEMH alternative provision supporting the students in the provision on a daily basis. You will work closely with other key staff within the provision to support students facing specific behavioural, emotional, academic and/or social challenges which impact on their learning and achievement. The aim of this provision is to support the academic achievement of the small number of students within the provision by ensuring their emotional and behavioural needs are met effectively. You will support the lead teacher within the provision to help design an exciting curriculum which meets the specific needs of these students.

#### **EMPLOYMENT DUTIES:**

- Ensure the Anglican ethos, school vision and Christian values of the School are clearly articulated, shared, understood and acted upon effectively by all.
- Demonstrate the vision and values of the School in everyday work and practice.
- Motivate and work with others to create a shared culture and positive climate that reflects the vision and values of the school.
- Support students education in our SEMH alternative provision
- Demonstrate and articulate high expectations and set ambitious, obtainable targets

- Have an overview of the curriculum offer, monitoring progress of students and intervening in the learning process where a student is at risk of underperformance or is struggling to engage effectively.
- Establish positive working relationships and partnerships with young people and their families.
- Review student progress and ensure appropriate action is taken to raise
  achievement, where necessary. Support the production of individual action plans
  and pastoral support plans, and their review. Support in the organisation of external
  curriculum opportinies which support the wider development of the students within
  the provision.
- Be flexible in your approach to your role, including being willing to work to support
   Colleagues within the provision with the delivery of learning if required to do so
- Report directly to the Head of the SEMH alternative provision on all intervention strategies.
- Deliver interventions as required as necessary to improve outcomes for the students.
- Support parents and treat them as partners in the education process who are
  regularly involved with, and informed of, their child's progress and any problems
  when they occur. Actively seek opportunities to bring parents into the provision for
  positive events. Support in the preparation and execution of Parent Consultation
  Evenings and Mentoring events.
- Actively support the development of a community feel within the provision, where students, parents and staff feel fully involved, informed and supported. This may include leading meetings, activities, parent groups, mentoring and curriculum
- Effectively manage the behaviour of the students within the provision to ensure that
  a positive climate is maintained, whilst also overseeing appropriate sanctions as
  necessary
- To liaise with outside agencies as required, and ensure the swift and appropriate flow of information to relevant internal contacts.
- To contribute to, complete, and update student welfare and progress documentation, including, but not limited to, EHAs, EHCPs, HUB and CP referrals.
- To ensure smooth transitions into and out of the provision on a daily basis.

# Other responsibilities

### **Developing self and others**

- To treat all people fairly, equitably and with dignity and respect in line with the Christian ethos of the school.
- To build a culture of collaboration within the provision and actively engage with groups of colleagues to build an effective community.
- To acknowledge the responsibilities of others and celebrate the achievement of individuals and teams.
- To regularly review own practice, set personal targets and take responsibility for own personal development.

The person undertaking this role is expected to work within the policies, ethos and aims of the school and to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be assigned. The duties of this post may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed. You may be required to carry out additional duties commensurate with the level of the role.



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Person Specification: Behaviour and Intervention Assistant (Secondary)	Essential	Desirable
Experience:		
<ul> <li>A proven track record of success in a current role.</li> <li>Experience of working with students of the relevant age range.</li> <li>Experience and training relevant to supporting students with autism.</li> </ul>	<i>y y</i>	
<ul> <li>Skills &amp; Competencies:</li> <li>To fully support, advise and lead the School's provision to support pupils with autism spectrum disorders.</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
<ul> <li>Ability to engage constructively with, and relate to, a wide range of young people, parents/carers, from different backgrounds.</li> <li>Good ICT skills and ability to use learning technologies.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul> <li>Ability to act with fairness and consistency at all times.</li> <li>Ability to identify potential barriers to learning and jointly engage in strategies to overcome these barriers.</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
<ul> <li>Ability to engage in joint goal setting with an individual student as part of the learning and target setting process.</li> <li>Ability to work as a member of a team, understanding the role and responsibilities of the post.</li> <li>Ability to lead and inspire students and colleagues.</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	
<ul> <li>Appropriate first aid knowledge.</li> <li>Ability to handle difficult situations with sensitivity, confidentiality and discretion at all times, combined with a calm personality, a practical approach and sound judgement.</li> </ul>	<b>√</b>	
<ul> <li>Ability to be a good role model to young people, demonstrating and promoting the values of the School in practical ways.</li> </ul>	<b>V V V</b>	
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Knowledge & Qualifications		
<ul> <li>An understanding of the Code of Practice and implications for working in school.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul> <li>Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding.</li> <li>Excellent numeracy and literacy skills (5 x A – C GCSE's including Maths and English).</li> <li>NVQ 3 for teaching assistants, or equivalent qualifications.</li> <li>Evidence of recent professional development relevant to the post</li> </ul>	√ √ √	
Physical, mental and emotional demands:		
<ul> <li>Commitment to helping provide a high quality service to children and families</li> </ul>	<b>/</b>	
Other:		
Willingness to participate in training and development		
	✓	