



Job description: School Secretary

Job details:

Job title: School Secretary

Salary: Grade 4 (pts 7-10) £26,403 – £27,694 pa pro rata

Hours: 14 hours per week with possibility of more. Term time only.

Working Pattern: Core hours to be worked Wednesday to Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Contract type: Part-time, fixed term until August 2026 in the first instance.

Reporting to: Headteacher.

Location: Stone with Woodford C of E Primary School

Start Date: As soon as possible.

Main purpose:

The school secretary is responsible for supporting the administrative, financial and organisational processes within the school. They will also act as the initial point of contact for parents/carers, visitors and other stakeholders, so will be an ambassador for the school and embody the values, vision and ethos of the school in all interactions.

Duties and responsibilities:

General administration:

Update manual and computerised record/information systems

Update and maintain the school calendar

Manage the school's email inbox, ensuring the school meets its expected response times and that emails are forwarded to the relevant staff member as necessary

Manage and organise completed forms from parents and carers

Report any issues with the school's IT systems

Organise and distribute incoming and outgoing post

Provide administrative support to staff as needed

Book training courses for all staff

Order, monitor and manage stock, ensuring best value following the school's purchasing processes

Carry out filing, printing and photocopying. Maintain the operation of the printer and photocopier to ensure it's ready to use at all times, resolving any issues as necessary

Assist with organising parents' evenings and other meetings and events, including the organisation of rooms and equipment, and providing refreshments as required

Keep records in accordance with the school's record retention schedule and data protection law, ensuring information security and confidentiality at all times

Attendance administration:

Monitor and maintain an accurate record of pupil attendance, producing reports as necessary

Monitor the late arrival of pupils and contact parents/carers to identify reasons for non-attendance, ensuring all safeguarding procedures are followed

Reception:

Act as the first point of contact for parents/carers and visitors arriving at the school

Deal with telephone and face-to-face enquiries efficiently and in a professional and supportive manner

Seek support from other colleagues where necessary to respond to complex enquiries

Respond to messages promptly and accurately, passing on information to relevant staff members as necessary

Assist staff and pupils with the information and support they need

Safeguarding:

Control access to the school in line with the school's safeguarding procedures, including signing in visitors, checking identification as necessary, issuing passes and notifying them of safeguarding and safety procedures

Be alert to unknown individuals on the school premises and report any concerns in line with the school's procedures

Administer the school's filtering and monitoring system for online safety, and escalate any safeguarding concerns following the correct safeguarding procedures

Written communication:

Write and send email responses that are professional and uphold the school's vision and values

Update and distribute online and offline communications (e.g. letters, newsletters, social media posts, etc.) to parents, staff and other stakeholders

Assist with marketing and promoting the school

Finance:

Enter data into the school's finance systems and produce reports as necessary

Collect, record and issue receipts for payments from parents and carers

Carry out financial administration in line with the school's procedures

Other areas of responsibility:

Read and follow the relevant school policies

Undertake training required to develop in the role

Ensure all duties and responsibilities are undertaken in line with the school's health and safety policy

Contribute to the safety of children and young people and protect them from harm

Person specification

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Qualifications and training	First aid training (or willingness to complete it) GCSE English and maths (or equivalent)
Experience	Carrying out administrative tasks Dealing with face-to-face and telephone interactions Working with children or young people Working and collaborating within a team
Skills and knowledge	Good oral and written communications skills Ability to respond quickly and effectively to issues that arise Ability to plan, organise and prioritise to meet deadlines Ability to use own initiative and take action accordingly Excellent attention to detail Ability to use IT packages including word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software Ability to use relevant office equipment effectively Ability to build effective working relationships with colleagues Understanding of data protection and confidentiality Understanding of safeguarding

Personal qualities	Commitment to promoting the ethos and values of the school and getting the best outcomes for all pupils Commitment to acting with integrity, honesty, loyalty and fairness to safeguard the assets, financial probity and reputation of the school Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times Commitment to safeguarding and equality Embraces change well Deals with difficult situations effectively
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Employee

Signed: Name:

Line Manager

Signed: Name:

Date:.....