

## **JOB DESCRIPTION: MIDDAY ASSISTANT**

Terms of employment: Monday to Friday 7.5 Hours per week (11.45-13.15)  
Term Time only

Grade: Scale 1, point 2-3

### ***Core Purpose:***

*Under the direction of the midday supervisor and AHT of the School, to effectively supervise pupils during the lunch period, providing a continuous presence. To ensure the safety, welfare and conduct of pupils in accordance with school policy. To engage with children in play and ensure playground equipment is used safely and appropriately.*

*Midday Assistants have a shared role within the school in helping to raise the social achievements of pupils. They are responsible for ensuring that lunchtimes are an enjoyable and safe experience for all the children, so that they are physically and mentally prepared to learn during the afternoon.*

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### **CORE DUTIES**

- To be responsible for supervising a group of pupils in the dining hall and others parts of the school during the lunch period, helping to organise the dining area and playground space appropriately.
- To promote the school behaviour policy, assisting with maintaining discipline and supporting children to resolving conflicts in a positive way. To deal with incidents of misbehaviour by appropriate intervention and report serious incidents to the senior midday supervisor/duty teacher/head of school as appropriate.
- To assist in the dining area and encourage good eating practices, ensuring safety with cutlery and courtesy towards servers and monitors. To encourage children to eat their midday meal and assist with cutting up food, pouring liquids, etc where necessary, paying particular attention to those with special needs or disabilities.
- To be aware of pupils on special or restricted diets for medical reasons from information provided.
- To deal promptly with minor incidents, eg cleaning up food spillages, pupils' accidents with toileting and changing clothes.

- To tend to pupils who are sick or injured in accordance with the school's accident/injuries procedures, administering initial first aid and reporting serious injuries to the named first aider and/or midday supervisor/extended services manager/ head of school as appropriate.
- To ensure all areas are left clean and tidy in accordance with hygiene, health and safety procedures.
- To assist with both inside and outside play activities encouraging all children to take part, to co-operate and show respect for others.
- To ensure that pupils keep out of areas that are out of bounds and don't leave the school premises. To be aware of security procedures with regard to entrance and exits and to approach visitors and direct them to the appropriate contact person.
- To take a lead on engaging in play with children and ensuring equipment is safe for use, reporting concerns of equipment suitability to the appropriate leading officer at the school. To ensure children use equipment safely and appropriately, providing guidance when necessary.
- To be aware of responsibilities under safeguarding procedures and report any concerns to a senior supervisor or the head of school.
- To take part in the school's performance management framework for support staff and participate in training and development activities as required.
- In addition to the specific responsibilities of the post, as a member of the support team, the post holder will be expected to assist with other tasks of a similar nature, appropriate to the grade, as directed by the head of school.

All school employees are expected to:

- Have a full commitment to the School's Equal Opportunities Policy and acceptance of personal responsibility for its practical application. All employees are required to comply with and promote the policy and to ensure that discrimination is eliminated in the service of the school.
- Uphold and comply with the statutory provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and any other associated legislation or school's policies and procedures.
- The position is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure

***This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. The above mentioned duties are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the post holder may be required to carry out other relevant duties as directed by the Head of School as may be reasonably expected. This is not a common occurrence and would not justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.***