Alexandra Nursery School

**Headteacher Job Description**

Grade: L9 – L15

This job description reflects the **National Standards of Excellence for Headteachers** (2015). These standards are built upon The Teaching Standards (2011 which apply to all teachers, including headteachers.

The appointment is subject to the current conditions of employment of headteachers, contained in the **School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions** document and other current educational and employment legislation, including that of the Department for Education In carrying out his/her duties, the headteacher shall consult, where appropriate, with the Local Authority, the governing body, the staff of the school, its pupils and the parents of its pupils.

**A The Core Purpose of the Headteacher**

The core purpose of the headteacher is to provide professional leadership and management for the school. This will promote a secure foundation from which to achieve high standards in all areas of the school’s work. To gain this success the headteacher must establish high quality education by effectively managing teaching and learning and using personalised learning to realise the potential of all pupils. The headteacher should establish a culture that promotes excellence, equality and high expectations of all pupils.

The headteacher is the leading professional in the school. Accountable to the governing board, the headteacher provides vision, leadership and direction for the school and ensures that it is managed and organised to meet its aims and targets. The headteacher, working with others, is responsible for evaluating the school’s performance to identify the priorities for continuous improvement and raising standards; ensuring equality of opportunity for all; developing policies and practices; ensuring that resources are efficiently and effectively used to achieve the school’s aims and objectives and for the day-to-day management, organisation and administration of the school.

The headteacher, working with and through others, secures the commitment of the wider community to the school by developing and maintaining effective partnerships with, for example, schools, other services and agencies for children, the Local Authority, higher education institutions and employers. Through such partnerships and other activities, headteachers play a key role in contributing to the development of the education system as a whole and collaborate with others to raise standards locally.

Drawing on the support provided by members of the school community, the Headteacher is responsible for creating a productive learning environment which is engaging and fulfilling for all pupils.

**B The Four Domains of Headship**

**Domain One: Qualities and knowledge**

1. Hold and articulate clear values and moral purpose, focused on providing a world class education for the pupils they serve.

2. Demonstrate optimistic personal behaviour, positive relationships and attitudes towards their pupils and staff, and towards parents, governors and members of the local community.

3. Lead by example - with integrity, creativity, resilience, and clarity - drawing on their own scholarship, expertise and skills, and that of those around them.

4. Sustain wide, current knowledge and understanding of education and school systems locally, nationally and globally, and pursue continuous professional development.

5. Work with political and financial astuteness, within a clear set of principles centred on the school’s vision, ably translating local and national policy into the school’s context.

 6. Communicate compellingly the school’s vision and drive the strategic leadership, empowering all pupils and staff to excel.

**Domain Two: Pupils and staff**

1. Demand ambitious standards for all pupils, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality, instilling a strong sense of accountability in staff for the impact of their work on pupils’ outcomes.

2. Secure excellent teaching through an analytical understanding of how pupils learn and of the core features of successful classroom practice and curriculum design, leading to rich curriculum opportunities and pupils’ well-being.

3. Establish an educational culture of ‘open classrooms’ as a basis for sharing best practice within and between schools, drawing on and conducting relevant research and robust data analysis.

 4. Create an ethos within which all staff are motivated and supported to develop their own skills and subject knowledge, and to support each other.

5. Identify emerging talents, coaching current and aspiring leaders in a climate where excellence is the standard, leading to clear succession planning.

6. Hold all staff to account for their professional conduct and practice.

**Domain Three: Systems and process**

1. Ensure that the school’s systems, organisation and processes are well considered, efficient and fit for purpose, upholding the principles of transparency, integrity and probity.

2. Provide a safe, calm and well-ordered environment for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing their exemplary behaviour in school and in the wider society.

3. Establish rigorous, fair and transparent systems and measures for managing the performance of all staff, addressing any under-performance, supporting staff to improve and valuing excellent practice.

4. Welcome strong governance and actively support the governing board to understand its role and deliver its functions effectively – in particular its functions to set school strategy and hold the headteacher to account for pupil, staff and financial performance.

 5. Exercise strategic, curriculum-led financial planning to ensure the equitable deployment of budgets and resources, in the best interests of pupils’ achievements and the school’s sustainability.

6. Distribute leadership throughout the organisation, forging teams of colleagues who have distinct roles and responsibilities and hold each other to account for their decision making.

**Domain Four: The self-improving school system**

1. Create outward-facing schools which work with other schools and organisations - in a climate of mutual challenge - to champion best practice and secure excellent achievements for all pupils.

2. Develop effective relationships with fellow professionals and colleagues in other public services to improve academic and social outcomes for all pupils.

3. Challenge educational orthodoxies in the best interests of achieving excellence, harnessing the findings of well evidenced research to frame self-regulating and self-improving schools.

 4. Shape the current and future quality of the teaching profession through high quality training and sustained professional development for all staff.

5. Model entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to school improvement, leadership and governance, confident of the vital contribution of internal and external accountability.

6. Inspire and influence others - within and beyond schools - to believe in the fundamental importance of

**Safeguarding** - Responsible for promoting the welfare of all children and young people and be faithful to the trust deed. Creates an organisational culture which is vigilant to, monitors and prioritises the safeguarding of children and young people above all considerations.

**Customer Care** - To continually review, develop and improve systems, processes and services in support of the School’s pursuit of excellence in service delivery. To recognise the value of its people as a resource.

**Promoting equality and diversity** - To accept everyone has a right to his or her distinct identity.To treat everyone with dignity and respect and to ensure that what our customers tell us is valued by reporting it back into the organisation. To promote and participate in the council’s work to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between our diverse communities.

**Developing Self and Others** - To use processes and put processes in place to generate a learning environment. To focus on the strengths and requirements of all individuals and enable them to further their skills and knowledge. To actively pursue your own development. To be self-aware and role model continuous self-development.

**Safer Recruitment** – The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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