# Stormont House School Teacher Job Description Science Subject Leader (KS3&4) Inner London Main/ Upper Pay Range + SEN1 + TLR2a

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school



# Name of Postholder:

This Job Description and Person Specification should be read in association with all other recruitment information and the priorities of the School Development Plan

# What is this position directly responsible for?

- Leading, teaching, and developing the science curriculum.
- Having an impact on the educational progress of students other than your assigned classes or groups of students
- Leading, developing, and enhancing the teaching practice of other staff
- Line management and development of other staff, as agreed
- Staff training and skills in relevant areas
- Pastoral care of students (Form Tutor and Annual Reviews)

#### All teachers have the following responsibilities:

- 1. Working positively with people of diverse backgrounds, characteristics and experiences to achieve the School Vision of 'Achievement for all in a unique, world-class school'.
- 2. To plan, mark and teach effectively, so ensuring the best possible progress and outcomes for every individual and group of learners, whatever their backgrounds or needs.
- Periodically assessing student achievement in line with school policy, evaluating student progress and responding/intervening where necessary to address possible underperformance
- 4. Continually reviewing and improving teaching & learning processes that will lead to the best possible outcomes for all individuals and groups of learners, including through school-based action research, learning from external research, reviews of pedagogy, data and other evidence sources, such as John Hattie's 'Visible Learning' analyses of Effect Size.
- 5. Ensuring that your teaching, learning and curriculum offer
  - a) is rich, vibrant and well-matched to learners' starting points

- b) is clear in its intent, implementation and impact
- c) leads to, but is not limited by, appropriate accreditation routes that will ensure progression to the next stages of education and then employment.
- d) is reviewed regularly and appropriate overview summaries made available to other staff and parent/carers
- e) is revised as necessary in line with school policy and changes to curriculum plans/ requirements
- 6. To take an active role in the school's pastoral care system as a form tutor; building trusting and effective relationships between home and school; understanding, reviewing and supporting your students' progress academically and socially in all areas of school life.
- 7. To ensure that incoming students are supported in making a successful social and academic transition into your classes, including through effective professional liaison and accurate baseline assessment
- 8. To develop a good working knowledge of students' SEN, and relevant strategies to address them both in and out of the classroom.
  - To ensure teaching is appropriately differentiated to meet the special education needs
    of groups and individuals, working closely with others, as necessary, to jointly plan and
    assess student achievement.
  - To act as the lead professional for a number of students as part of the Annual Review/ Education, Health & Care Plan process.
  - To communicate effectively with parents/carers; SEN Leader; Leadership Team; outside agencies and the multi-disciplinary team.
- 9. To line manage relevant teaching and/or non-teaching staff, as directed
- 10. To contribute to the teaching of other subjects if necessary, as directed.

## Part 2 Teaching & Learning Responsibility

- 11. As a TLR is awarded for this role, the teacher's duties include significant responsibilities that are not required of all classroom teachers and that
  - 1. are focused on teaching and learning;
  - 2. require the exercise of a teacher's professional skills and judgement;
  - 3. require you to lead, manage and develop a subject or curriculum area; or to lead and manage student development across the curriculum;
  - 4. have an impact on the educational progress of students other than your assigned classes or groups of students; and
  - 5. involve leading, developing and enhancing the teaching practice of other staff.
- 6. For this role, this includes, but is not limited to these **specific responsibilities:**-
  - Leading, teaching, and developing the Science curriculum
  - Having an impact on the educational progress of students other than your assigned classes or groups of students
  - Leading, developing, and enhancing the teaching practice of other staff

## General curriculum leader responsibilities:

- 12. Ensuring appropriate curriculum maps are in place for the relevant subject(s), supported by medium term plans that are sufficiently detailed and well-resourced to inform teachers' daily/ short-term planning. Reviewing maps and schemes of learning to ensure that skills and content to be taught are appropriately sequenced and well-matched to learners' needs.
- 13. Analysing and evaluating relevant student baseline, target-setting, progress and outcomes data to evaluate the impact of teaching and in order to further improve it
- 14. Reviewing the teaching practice of other staff, as assigned, through regular monitoring and evaluation of student work/ books, teacher planning; marking & assessment; data tracking; lesson visits; etc. leading to accurate self-evaluation and improved practice, processes and outcomes.
- 15. Ensuring that marking, assessment and feedback takes places across the department regularly, accurately and in line with school policy (e.g. using the marking code, tracking progress on Pupil Asset/ SIMS, verbal and written feedback))
- 16. To ensure appropriate and coherent systems of target-setting, assessment and recording of student progress so that student progress is measurable within and between each Key Stage, leading to support, intervention or additional challenge as necessary.
- 17. To be responsible for budgeting and resources, devising, reviewing and evaluating relevant Subject/ Department Action Plans

#### **General Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 18. To lead subject(s) and teach classes as allocated, having due regard to the requirements of the National Curriculum; School Policies, Aims and Philosophy and Schemes of Work.
- 19. To work in accordance with the requirements of the Teachers' Standards, School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document; Hackney Education/Council Code of Conduct for Employees; relevant legislation, School/ Hackney policies, Human Resources Framework, and best practice guidelines.
- 20. To actively strive to raise achievement and provide equality of opportunity for all students.
- 21. To ensure that children are well safeguarded, supported and guided in their personal development and academic progress

#### **Curriculum offer**

We offer a diverse and vibrant curriculum, including the National Curriculum, which is tailored to meet students' needs by exciting, supporting and challenging them. We expect our students to make the best progress possible; socially, emotionally and academically. We set out to combine the very positive aspects of primary education with the specialist subjects of secondary in order to provide the best quality education possible. There is a strong focus on creativity and access skills such as literacy and numeracy.

#### **Additional Information**

- In each year group there are two classes with a total of around 22 students. Each class usually contains around 11 students and is usually supported by a Teaching Assistant. Other support staff may be targeted at times towards particular classes or individuals.
- IT is an important area of the school development plan. There are dedicated IT hubs available for use by all subject areas. Teachers must be enthusiastic users of educational technology with a willingness to develop their skills in terms of classroom practice and the use of data
- All departments bid for their budget according to needs identified in their departmental Development Plan. The successful candidate will be responsible for building and monitoring relevant budgets and Development Plans.

- All teachers need to be flexible in their curriculum offer and may need to contribute to the
  delivery in other subject areas. Careful consideration is given to teachers' preferences,
  interest and areas for development. Priority is given to best matching staff skills to student
  need within available resources.
- Staff who are awarded a TLR have a clear line management/ quality assurance role with regard to other classroom teachers, teaching assistants and/or technical support staff, as appropriate

Line Manager: identified Extended Leadership Team member
Other key accountabilities: SENCo, specified subject leads, teachers and/or support staff

At a time of rapid educational change, job descriptions cannot be prescriptive. It may be that some alteration is necessary as circumstances dictate, and as new needs arise. Job descriptions are reviewed annually as part of the performance management process.

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# **SELECTION CRITERIA for the post** (E-Essential, D-Desirable)

1	DfE recognition of Qualified Teacher Status	Е
2	A track record of teaching that is consistently at least good, preferably outstanding	E
	An understanding of, and enthusiastic commitment to,	_
3	The shared school vision	Е
	<ul> <li>Your personal contribution to moving us closer to that vision</li> </ul>	-
	Working effectively with people from diverse backgrounds  The ability to a second of the second	
4	The ability to ensure effective leadership of learning and delivery of the relevant curriculum	
	area(s), including:	_
	a) Expertise in appropriate Assessment for Learning strategies, teaching methodology,	Е
	planning linked to assessment etc.	_
	b) Sound experience of planning, teaching and assessing relevant subjects/aspects of the	Е
	National Curriculum ensuring high levels of achievement for all learners.	_
	c) Experience of teaching appropriate accredited courses.	E
	d) Experience of adapting/ developing curriculum and accreditation routes for learners with	Е
	SEN	D
	e) An interest in, and some experience of using research evidence (school-based or other) to	D
	improve learning outcomes	
5	Understanding of the factors and strategies that will support high levels of progress and	
	achievement, including successful transition of students into the school from primary and then	Ε
	through each Key Stage, including appropriate approaches to baseline assessment	
6	An understanding of students' special educational needs, appropriate differentiation and	Ε
	methods of recording and assessment.	
	Knowledge of the Annual Review process.	D
7	a) Experience of successful approaches for leading, developing and enhancing the teaching	Е
	practice of other staff, preferably including line management.	
	b) Evidence of impact on the educational progress of students other than your assigned	Е
	classes or groups of students	
	c) Evidence of skills and experience necessary to largely deliver the specific responsibilities	Е
	associated with this position from appointment.	
	d) Ability to evaluate and address professional developmental needs of self /others	Е
	e) Evidence of positive and constructive working relationships with relevant members of the	
	leadership team/ HoD in current/ most recent role	Е
	f) The ability to work within a team and liaise effectively with others within and beyond the	
	school, leading as appropriate.	Ε
	g) Experience of successful project/ subject/departmental leadership and development	
	planning, including ensuring the effective use of resources.	Е
8	The ability to combine professional expertise with the necessary emotional resilience to	
	ensure effective pastoral care. To be able to rebound after setbacks and the ability to help	Е
	others do so.	
9	Evidence of active commitment to ensuring that all children, whatever their needs or	
	background, are well safeguarded, supported and guided in their both their personal	Ε
	development and academic progress	
10	To pro-actively ensure that Equalities and Diversity policies are implemented throughout	
	curriculum planning/delivery and pastoral work, being able to give examples of where this has	Ε
	been successful (for example) in tackling potential underachievement	
	To work positively with people of diverse backgrounds, characteristics and experiences to	
11	achieve the School Vision of 'Achievement for all in a unique, world-class school'.	
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