



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Description: Finance Officer	Reporting To: Finance Manager	Pay Scale: SCP5
Hours of Work: Up to 22.5 hours per week, term time only		
<p>Job Purpose: Responsibility for the purchase order system for the whole school, ensuring that accurate records are kept and timescales are adhered to. Responsibility for placing orders either via the purchase order system or with the school credit card including keeping accurate records of orders placed. Have knowledge of all systems currently used and new systems that introduced within the Finance Office, ensuring that knowledge and skills are kept up to date (training participation). Processing of accounts payable i.e. payment of invoices, BACS and cheque runs, journals. Recording all invoices on the Finance post log. Liaise with Students, Staff, suppliers and customers on a regular basis.</p>		
Key Responsibilities:		
General:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase orders 2. Asset registration 3. Accounts payable 4. Trips and visits and School fund accounting 5. Cashless catering and ParentPay 6. Accounts receivable 7. Bank reconciliations 8. Management of petty cash 9. Maintenance of databases 		
Specific:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for the purchase order system and finance ticket system for the whole school, ensuring that accurate records are kept and timescales are adhered to. • Responsibility for placing orders either via the purchase order system or with the school credit card including keeping accurate records of orders placed. • Have knowledge of all systems currently used and new systems that are introduced within the Finance Office, ensuring that knowledge and skills are kept up to date (training participation). • Processing of accounts payable i.e. payment of invoices, BACS and cheque runs and journals and chasing any late payments. • Recording all invoices on the Finance post log. • Liaise with students, staff, suppliers and customers on a regular basis. • Responsibility for the educational trips and visits accounts, keeping accurate records and ensuring clear communication links between the finance office and trip/visit organisers. • Keep accurate records for all school accounts. • Prepare bank reconciliations. • Responsibility for Petty Cash accounts, keeping accurate records and reconciling on a regular basis. Ensuring that strict Petty Cash rules are adhered to. • Responsibility for the Cashless system and ParentPay accounts keeping accurate records of school meal, trips and visits and extra curriculum activities income. • Preparation of direct debits for the sports centre including the submission of monthly collection data and issuing timely DD notifications of payment information. • Assisting with the year end audit. • Responsibility for answering parents queries regarding catering and/or trips and visit balances and funding. • Responsibility for the transfer of accurate information on to the finance system including the processing of journals. • Be able to cover for other Finance Officers during absence if necessary. • Report directly to the Finance Business Manager or Finance Director regarding any issues or problems that arise. 		
<p>Carry out other reasonable tasks from time to time as directed by the Finance Manager or Finance Director. The post holder will be expected to work within the schools' policies and procedures. Performing other such duties as reasonably correspond to the general character of the post and are commensurate with its level of responsibility.</p>		

The key competencies and behaviours commensurate with this post are identified overleaf.

General Information:

- *The job description is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities, but indicates the major requirements of the post. It may be amended at a future time, to take account of the developing needs of the trust. The post holder will undertake any other duties at the request of the Headteacher, appropriate to the remit.*
- *The above principal responsibilities are not exhaustive and may vary without changing the character of the job or level of responsibility.*
- *The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974 and other associated legislation places responsibilities for Health and Safety on all employees. Therefore, it is the postholder's responsibility to take reasonable care for Health and Safety and Welfare of him/herself and other employees in accordance with legislation.*
- *The above duties may involve having access to information of a confidential nature, which may be covered by GDPR, and by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. Confidentiality must be maintained at all times.*
- *The trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.*
- *To work and process personal and sensitive information in accordance with Data Protection Act 2018 including the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018*
- *To ensure work is conducted in a way that protects the safety and security of information (e.g. strong passwords, reporting breaches, securing paper records, securely disposing of records)*

Ethical Leadership Qualities: Competencies and Behaviours

Competency	We do this by	Behaviours
Trust – leaders are trustworthy and reliable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earning trust by being reliable, consistent, credible, honest, humble, courageous and kind. Prioritising our long-term purpose first, above short-term goals. Managing emotions and helping others to manage their emotions. Keeping promises. Having a genuine interest in others, seeking to understand the whole person. Using a range of communication skills in a range of circumstances with a range of people, developing rapport, trust and a deeper level of understanding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live our values every day. Take every opportunity to communicate and apply our values, showing how they guide and inform decisions. Do what is right, rather than what is popular. Be accountable to your colleagues, students and the community, acting in service to other. Influence the behaviour of those around you. Take time to develop high trust relationships. Act selflessly to protect and enable the trust to achieve its purpose.
Wisdom – leaders use experience, knowledge and insight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing knowledge and expertise, then sharing knowledge to enable collaborative convergence. Seeking learning opportunities, learning from mistakes and failures, and sharing the learning with others. Having, and encouraging in others, a growth mind-set. Believing in the potential of others and creating a safe learning environment, with systems that enable sharing of knowledge, collaboration and innovation. Recruiting knowledgeable, skilled experts and learning from them, helping them to flourish productively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share knowledge and expertise with others, developing a learning culture where people are encouraged to research, share and develop ideas collaboratively. Anticipate the future and help people prepare for change. Be open to opportunities and commit to learning every day. Recruit people who may be more expert than you, learn from them and develop next generation ethical leaders.
Kindness – leaders demonstrate respect, generosity of spirit, understanding and good temper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating respect, generosity of spirit, understanding and good temper. Being kind to others, seeking opportunities to serve others for the greater good Leading with compassion and care, listening and engaging with the person, not the job role. Using high levels of emotional intelligence, developing a sense of belonging and contribution. Building trust and rapport with others, by acknowledging, empowering and elevating others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be humble Bring your authentic self to work. Have the courage to be genuine. Lead with compassion, empathy and kindness. Show people you care about them. Search out opportunities for acts of kindness, a selfless act intended to bring help, happiness or joy to another person.
Justice – leaders are fair and work for the good of all children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doing what is right, rather than what is popular or easy. Ensuring we live and breathe our sense of purpose and values in the way we behave, interact with others, make decisions and communicate. Ensuring rules are necessary and applying them in a consistent, transparent and fair way, whilst allowing for discretion and common sense. Valuing difference, building diverse teams and encouraging others to behave responsibly towards the community and the environment. Seeing and acknowledging other people's strengths, knowledge and skills. Encouraging people to share and build on their strengths and successes across and beyond the trust. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be accountable to others and serve our purpose. Be morally brave and stand up and be counted for what you believe in. Do the right thing, which might not be the easiest or most popular option.
Service – leaders are conscientious and dutiful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaving in a dutiful, conscientious way, demonstrating humility and self-control to build great schools. Removing barriers and blockers to enable others to achieve their goals, for the benefit of young people, maximising strengths and helping others to see possibilities and seize opportunities. Viewing systems, methods, models and techniques as a means to an end, removing or changing them if they prove to be ineffective. Leaving our egos at the door and putting ourselves in the service of others. Standing aside and championing others and their ideas and contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk the talk and behave in an honest, open and fair way. Channel ambition into our schools, not ourselves, developing successors. Have intense professional will and personal humility. Have a systematic approach to manage the execution and delegation of tasks and be reliable. Create new habits, through the accumulation of different choices.
Courage – leaders work courageously in the best interests of children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Striving for honesty, sharing the full story wherever possible and as early as possible. Looking in the mirror when something goes wrong. Sacrificing personal or short-term goals for the achievement of longer-term, sustainable, shared goals. Relishing challenge and finding strength in each other, building organisational resilience. Remaining calm, optimistic and positive in the face of adversity, adapting to changing circumstances and helping others to move forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give the whole truth, the back-story and the why. Have skilfully led difficult conversations. Aim to exceed expectations and achieve things you thought you couldn't.
Optimism – leaders are positive and encouraging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believing in our own ability, and the ability of others, to do what is right to change the world for the better. Remaining positive and encouraging, despite sometimes experiencing setbacks, challenges and pressures. Helping others to maximise opportunities, overcome challenges and celebrate success. Being respectful, kind and sensitive to others and responding well to ambiguity, making positive use of the opportunities it presents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believe the best in others, help people progress and unlock their potential. Remain calm, professional, reliable and consistent. Manage your emotions well and help others do the same. Have and encourage a growth mind-set, believing abilities and talents can be cultivated. Set yourself challenging goals & work hard to achieve them.
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipating the future and helping people ready themselves for change. Thinking strategically, researching, gathering, analysing and assessing information, seeking opportunities for organisational development. Believing in the potential of others; helping them be the best they can be. Quickly taking in new information and translating that into recommendations, decisions, plans and projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scan the horizon, read and research, share learning with others and collaborate to consider options, obstacles and risks. Think creatively; formulate strategies, plans and projects, aligned to our vision and values.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Translating complex data and information into understandable messages for a variety of audiences. Sharing compelling stories that others can understand believe in and work towards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively share a compelling vision, encourage people to get involved, maximise their strengths, develop colleagues and see opportunities to elevate them.• Translate complex information with the intended audience in mind and communicate positively.
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