Empower Multi-Academy Trust

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Head Cook

Recruitment Pack

St Peter's

CE Primary & Nursery School

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The Offer at Empower

Mission: 'Inspire, Empower and Achieve – a commitment to excellence'

Vision: 'To create a home for world class learning that improves the lives of each child in our family of schools.'

Our Vision and Mission statements are underpinned by our Trust Values:



Carla Whelan – CEO



Working for Empower Trust is rewarding in lots of ways. We value and appreciate our people and recognise our staff are instrumental to the success of the Trust. We therefore offer a wide range of exciting and useful benefits to all our employees:

Career Progression and Staff Development

We are committed to developing our staff and to providing opportunities for growth. We want to encourage the career progression of our employees wherever possible, and support staff who wish to move between our schools and the Central Team when suitable roles arise. We also offer secondment opportunities when available.

At Empower Trust you would be working alongside excellent leaders in education, each with specific areas of expertise. We offer Middle and Senior Leadership development programmes, professional support networks and career development pathways for staff at all levels. In addition, we also have mentoring and coaching programmes, peer learning, internal and external CPD opportunities.

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Health and Wellbeing Services

Working in education is a challenging job and the health and wellbeing of our staff is high on our agenda and a key priority. We have several Trust wide wellbeing initiatives that offer support and guidance for our workforce:

- A Trust Wellbeing Strategy and Charter outlining our commitment to staff wellbeing
- At least one trained Mental Health First Aider in every location, helping to embed our belief that physical and mental health hold equal importance
- A network of Mental Health First Aiders and Mental Health Leads who provide support, guidance, and signposting to colleagues across the Trust
- A Future in Mind network representing all our academies, who signpost staff to wellbeing support and information, and ensure staff voice is heard
- A designated Trustee sponsor whose role is to ensure staff wellbeing remains a priority
- Wellbeing is a discussion item on each Trustee / Local Governing Body meeting agenda
- Dissemination of annual staff wellbeing questionnaires to inform future actions
- Active engagement in national and international awareness days
- Working towards the Mental Health at Work Commitment and the Education Staff Wellbeing Charter

Employee Assistance Programme

Schools Mutual

We are committed to ensuring everyone at Empower Trust gets access to the support they need for personal issues as well as any work-related worries. Our completely confidential Employee Assistance Programme offers numerous services:

- Physiotherapy services
- Confidential counselling via face-to-face therapy or secure online video sessions
- Wellness programmes, weight management, mindfulness support
- Stress coaching
- Support services for menopause, long covid, bereavement, cancer, cardiac conditions, lung conditions, medical trauma, mental health problems, motor neurone disease, orthopaedic conditions, multiple sclerosis
- 24/7 GP helpline and prescription service, offering consultation, private prescriptions, open referrals, and fit notes
- Surgical assistance programme
- Financial Wellbeing

Flexible and Family-Friendly Policies

Our employment policies are flexible and responsive to promote diversity and equality, as well as attract and retain the highest quality workforce. We offer flexible working opportunities; job share arrangements, term time working and part time-roles; generous family leave packages; and compassionate or emergency leave.

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Pension Scheme

We offer an excellent pension scheme with either the Local Government Pension Scheme (support staff) or the Teachers' Pension Scheme which include death in service benefits. As well as employee's paying contributions into the scheme (banded, based on earnings level) Empower Trust also pays a generous contribution on your behalf.



Empower Cycle Scheme

Save on the cost of the commute, promote a healthy lifestyle, and reduce your carbon footprint - all with our superb cycle to work scheme! Find the bike of your dreams and save up to 42% in tax and NI contributions. Whether it's a mountain bike, BMX, fixie, electric cycle, or one of those natty bikes with a basket on the front, get the wheels you really want; all at an affordable cost spread over 12 to 18 months.

Other Benefits

- Eye care scheme
- Attractive annual leave allowance
- Free on-site parking
- In-house catering
- Financial wellbeing support
- Discounts for teachers – https://www.discountsforteachers.co.uk/

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The Opportunity at St Peter's

Position: Head Cook

Terms: Permanent 0.672 FTE, 30 hrs per week, Term time only plus 3 days

Start Date: 7th October 2024

Salary: Grade 5, Points 5-6, Hourly rate £12.18-£12.38 (pay award pending)



Closing Date: Friday 20th September 2024 (9am)

Interview Date: Monday 23rd September 2024

If you would like to apply, please request an application form from the School BSM, Caroline Clorley: caroline.clorley@stpeters.empowermat.co.uk

Website: https://stpetersschoolwem.org.uk/

Address: St Peter's CE Primary School and Nursery, Shrubbery Gardens, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5BX

Telephone: 01939 232292 **Email:** admin@stpeters.empowermat.co.uk

St Peter's CE Primary School and Nursery and Empower Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to enhanced DBS clearance and other safeguarding checks. If shortlisted, you will be subject to an online search.

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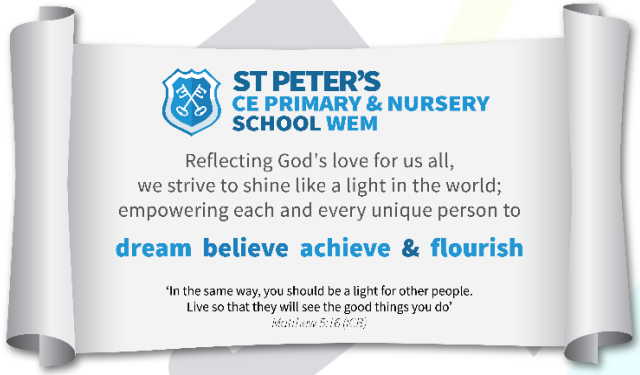
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Context

We seek to appoint a reliable, caring and well motivated Head Cook to undertake the planning, preparation and service of healthy school meals. This is an excellent opportunity to join a warm, welcoming, friendly school and be part of a hardworking teams at St. Peter's CE Primary and Nursery School.

St Peter's is a well-established and popular Church of England school in the quiet town of Wem. We pride ourselves on fostering strong relationships with parents, carers and all stakeholders; enabling us to ensure our children receive the next education possible.

Vision: Our vision is simple – for all our pupils to dream, believe, achieve and flourish.





Sarah Kynaston – Headteacher

Application and Selection Process

Please complete the application form in full and submit alongside a supporting letter detailing how your skills, experience and attributes reflect the vision and values of the school and how they align with the person specification provided. All completed application forms should submitted via email. Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

Successful candidates will be invited to interview following the shortlisting process. Applicants who make it to this stage will be required to bring in a minimum of three pieces of identification with them to verify their name, date of birth and current address – one of which must be a form of photographic identification. The following are acceptable:

- Valid passport, birth certificate or driving licence
- A recent utility bill, council tax bill or bank statement

Applicants will also need to bring in their qualification certificates. Any Appointment will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references. These will be sought from their current employer and any gaps in employment history will be followed up.

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The Ideal Candidate

Job Description and Purpose of the Post

Under an agreed system of supervision, undertake planning, preparation and service of healthy school meals.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Operational Tasks

- Cooking/Preparation – Undertake skilled activities connected to the full range of menu provision for example meal planning, portion control, special dietary meals including taking into account allergies and intolerances.
- Oversee the preparation of healthy, nutritionally balanced menus that meet the Government's national standards for school lunches.
- Supervise the preparation of ingredients for meals.
- Organise and supervise food service.
- Present nutritious foods in ways that children will find attractive.
- Maintenance of hygiene – Ensure that catering practice complies with appropriate Health and Safety Legislation.
- Administration – Reconcile daily administration and record keeping in accordance with internal procedures..
- Supervise the purchase and storage of food to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

Resource Tasks

- Actively promote the school meals service to pupils and parents to increase awareness of healthy eating and the uptake of healthy school meals.
- Ordering and recording of all ingredients used and stocktaking.
- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and productive working environment.
- Maintain records as requested.
- Plan menus, following guidelines on nutrition and health eating.
- Ensure availability to staff of equipment and supplies.
- Monitor and manage supplies within an agreed budget, cataloguing resources and undertaking audits as required.
- Refill and replace consumables.
- Report faulty equipment and other maintenance requirements to appropriate person.
- Maintain the security of school premises by securing entrance/exits as appropriate and reporting potential security breaches.
- Ensure security of the school kitchen including freezers, stock cupboards etc.
- Ensure lights and other equipment are switched off as appropriate.

Organisation Tasks

- Supervision and direction of other staff included allocation of duties, work rotas and appraisals.
- Ensure the security of the kitchen, associated stores and surrounds.
- Ensure the cleanliness of the kitchen, its' equipment and surrounds.
- Monitor and manage stock and supplies, cataloguing as required and ensure their hygienic storage in accordance with domestic and catering standards.
- Maintain high standards of food hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchen in accordance with domestic and catering standards.
- Develop contact with the suppliers of food and cleaning materials.
- Maintenance of specialist equipment, check for quality/safety, and report other damages/needs.
- Complete the weekly catering returns, timesheets and other necessary records.
- Direct other staff in cooking activities.
- Organise cooking routines to comply with specified standards.
- Ensure compliance by self and others with all health and safety policies and procedures.
- Ensure safe use by self and others of equipment and materials.
- Demonstrate and assist others in safe and effective use of specialist equipment/materials.
- Comply with recipe costings and ensure menu adherence.
- Ensure effective portion control and minimise wastage.
- Comply with current Food Safety legislation, including complete of Food Safety documentation.

Other Responsibilities

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Work in partnership with Empower Trust to ensure that all legislation is met with regards to catering, H & S, compliance and administration as required.

Safeguarding

- Be aware of and comply with safeguarding responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures.

Data Protection and other statutory responsibilities

- Be aware of and comply with data protection responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures.
- Maintain confidentiality and trust at all times- adhering to the school's code of conduct

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Code of Conduct

The School expects all staff to ensure that their standards of conduct are, at all times, compliant with Empower Trust's Code of Conduct for Employees and the school's Code of Conduct.

Other Duties

Any other duties that the Headteacher/ CEO/ Governing Body/ Trustees feel is commensurate with the post. Whilst every effort is made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Privacy Notice – Job Applicants

This privacy notice advises job applicants of the Trust's commitment to data protection responsibilities of privacy and confidentiality relating to the collection and processing of their personal information.

We collect and process your personal data as part of the recruitment process in relation to the role you are applying for. All Headteachers and Managers involved in the recruitment process have responsibility for ensuring that applicants' personal information is held and processed in the correct way.

What is personal information?

Personal information is any information that relates to you and can be used directly or indirectly to identify you, such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of that natural person (GDPR article 4).

Special categories of personal data means information about an individual's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health, sex life or sexual orientation and biometric/genetic data (GDPR article 9).

Legal Basis for Using Personal Data

We collect personal data only for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, storage, retrieval, use, disclosure, dissemination, erasure, or destruction (GDPR article 4).

1. We process personal data lawfully, only where it is adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary for the purposes of processing.
2. We keep accurate personal data, only for the period necessary for processing, and take all reasonable steps to ensure inaccurate personal data is rectified or deleted without delay.
3. We adopt appropriate measures to make sure that personal data is secure, and protected against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction, or damage.
4. We do this to ensure a candidate is suitable for the role and to make sure reasonable adjustments can be made for those applicants who have a disability.
5. Processing of personal data ensures that a fair recruitment process has taken place.

We will not process personal data of applicants for reasons other than the recruitment and selection process. Where we process special categories of personal data or criminal records data to perform obligations, this is done for legal reasons. We will update personal data promptly if an applicant advises that his/her information has changed or is inaccurate.

To operate an effective recruitment process, we will collect and store personal information you submit as part of the application process. By submitting your personal information, you are consenting to us using it in accordance with this policy. You are under no obligation to provide your consent for the organisation to hold your data outside of the recruitment

process. If you do not consent to the holding, processing, and sharing your personal data during the recruitment process, we may not be able to process your application.

In some cases, the organisation will need to process data to ensure it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, we must check an applicant's entitlement to work in the UK.

What data do we hold on you?

The personal data we hold regarding you can include, but is not limited to:

- Your name and address
- Email address and telephone number
- Date of birth
- Equal opportunities monitoring information
- Your nationality and entitlement to work in the UK
- National insurance number
- Information about your current salary and benefits
- Qualifications and skills
- Work experience and employment history
- Information about your criminal record
- Disability status to enable us to make any reasonable adjustments throughout the recruitment process

Any applicant wishing to see a copy of the information about them that we hold should contact the organisation.

Who has access to your personal data?

Your personal data may be shared internally with other members of staff involved in the recruitment process for them to perform their roles. Throughout the recruitment process we maintain strict confidentiality and only process and retain personal data of unsuccessful applicants for up to 12 months before being deleted or destroyed.

How do we protect applicants' personal data?

Our servers and storage systems are based in the UK, and we have ensured that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect your personal data.

We take the security of your personal data very seriously. Internal policies and controls are in place to try to ensure that data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused, or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the performance of their duties.

Where we engage third parties to process personal data on our behalf, they do so based on written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data. For example, we ensure we use encrypted devices, passwords, virus protection and firewalls.

What rights do you have in relation to your information?

You have the following rights in relation to your personal data:

- The right of access to the personal data and supplementary information. This right is to enable you to be aware of and verify the lawfulness of the personal data we are processing.
- The right to rectification. This right allows you to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- The right to erasure. This is also known as the 'right to be forgotten'. This is not an absolute right and applies in specific circumstances.
- The right to restrict processing. This right applies in circumstances where, for example, the data subject contests the accuracy of the data or challenges the public interest or legitimate interest basis. Further guidance can be obtained from the ICO's website.
- The right to data portability. This allows individuals to obtain and reuse their personal data for their own purposes.
- The right to object. Individuals have the right to object to:
    - Processing based on legitimate interests or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority.
    - Direct marketing.
    - Processing for scientific/historical research and statistics.
    - Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

Further guidance and advice on the above rights can be obtained from the ICO:
https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulationgdpr/individual-rights/

This policy may be subject to change. We recommend that you check the Privacy Notice each time you submit an application. If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance by contacting the Data Protection Officer on admin@empowermat.co.uk Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at https://ico.org.uk/concerns to raise any issues you have.