



# Candidate Brief

**Teaching Assistant**



# Welcome

EQUA Mead Learning Trust is a family of like-minded schools, that collaborate to provide mutual support, share best practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing each school's individual and distinctive character. We believe every child has the right to an inspiring and fulfilling education and we seek to improve the life chances of all those we serve; therefore, we make it our mission to give **Every Child, Every Chance** of success.

At EQUA Mead, we are an inclusive, passionate and forward-looking educational organisation. We are a Trust of sixteen primary schools, two secondary schools and eight nurseries, all based in Wiltshire. Across our schools, we have four resource bases that provide specialist education to children and young people with complex needs.

We believe in the power of education to transform lives and shape a brighter future. We are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community where everyone works together to achieve their very best. At all of our schools, we do all we can to enable each child and young person to realise their full potential and to develop positive social and moral values.

We understand that successful schools are rooted in their local community. We respect and value the individual nature and ethos of each school while knowing we are more effective when we work together and support each other. We are a mixed Trust that benefits from both church and non-church-based schools and we actively celebrate this diversity. We are highly inclusive and collaborate closely to promote a culture of openness and integrity.

We thrive on providing a wealth of support to schools and seek to empower school leaders. Our CPD, NPQs, ITT, networks, training, research programmes and range of courses underpin a comprehensive development programme for all staff, whilst ensuring wellbeing is at the centre of all decision making.

If at any stage, you would like to find out more about EQUA Mead Learning Trust, please do feel free to get in touch.

Paul Skipp  
CEO, EQUA Mead Learning Trust





Every Child, Every Chance



Headteacher: Mr Ralph Plummer

Ofsted rating: Good (June 2023)

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Lavington is a high achieving school that is imaginative and creative in its approach to teaching and learning and is keen to look for continued and sustained improvement. We are fully committed to providing high quality education for children whatever their age. We benefit from a wonderful rural setting, surrounded by beautiful and historic countryside. The majority of our students live in nearby villages, and thrive in our supportive, positive, nurturing environment, achieving academic excellence for all.

The school enjoys a very good reputation within the community and throughout the county and continues to demonstrate the highest standards of achievement. Much of this success is due to the active partnership of home, school and community, which allows a happy working atmosphere to prevail, where hard work and good behaviour is the expectation. Our students are happy and well-motivated and respectful. They are nurtured through superb individual care, a culture of high aspirations, an extensive leadership and enrichment programme and recognition of their unique talents.

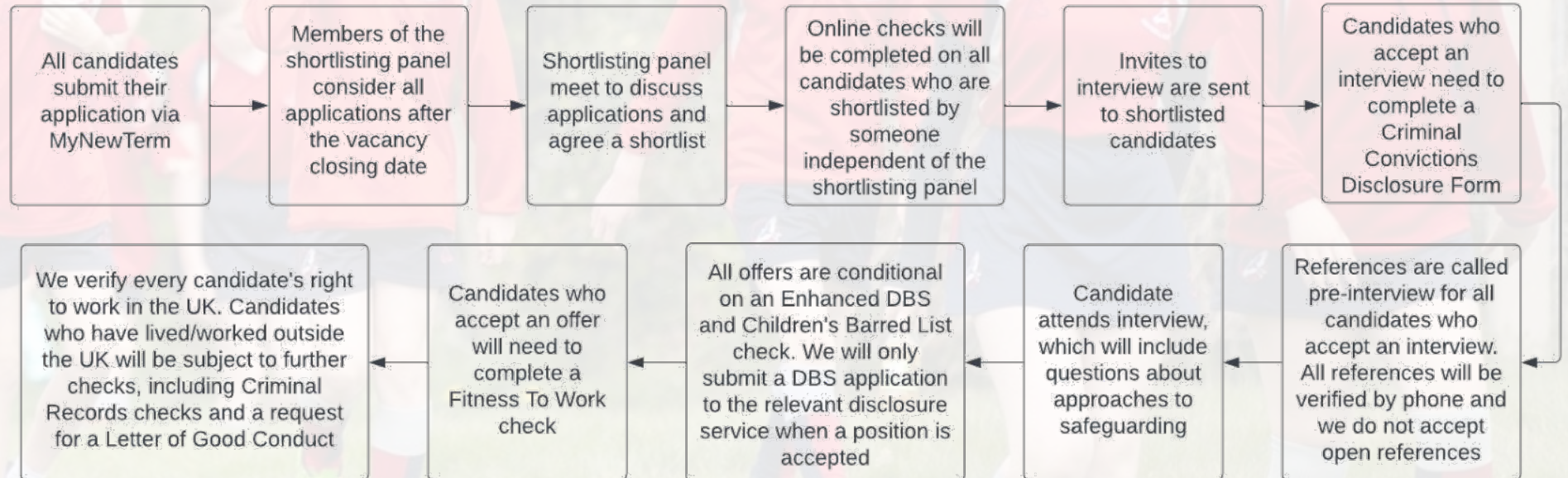
**‘We believe that every child should be happy, healthy, safe and achieve more than they thought possible; at school and beyond’**



# Safeguarding in our Trust

Keeping our children safe is of paramount importance to us. You can read full details about our approach to safeguarding and child protection on [our website](#).

Our commitment to safeguarding includes our recruitment process, which is outlined here:



For information on what personal data we collect as part of the recruitment process, and why, you can read our [Privacy Notice for Job Applicants](#).

The revised DBS code of practice for registered persons and other recipients of disclosure information is [here](#).





# Our Trust Leadership

The Strategic Leadership Team work closely together to focus on school and Trust-wide improvement and development. Heads also meet regularly and undertake peer support and challenge across our schools.

Our Leadership Team work together closely to improve effectiveness across our Trust. This includes coordinating the work of Trust subject teams, which meet regularly to develop provision and practice. The team also coordinates high quality professional development, including appraisal, for Trust staff and facilitates school to school support for all schools within the Teaching School Alliance.





# Vision and values

## Our Mission

Our mission is to give Every Child Every Chance of success.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to enable all learners to believe in themselves. Our children and young people will enjoy an ambitious and inspirational education that develops their character, confidence, knowledge and the skills they need to succeed in life. Our schools are places that launch interests and ignite passions, and provide inspirational learning for all; where children and young people are:

- Happy and safe
- Inspired and supported to reach their full potential
- Equipped to become resilient, independent learners
- Prepared to live responsibly and peacefully in the spirit of understanding, tolerance, equality and friendship
- Children are at the heart of our work. The Trust's role is to enable school leaders to focus on their core business of ensuring that every child thrives.

## Our Values

Our values give our organisation its purpose and direction. We believe in:

- Excellence • Collaboration • Creativity





# Key information about this role

**Main place of work:** Lavington School, The Spring Market Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4EB

**Salary:** £24,404 - £25,183 pro rata for part-time

**Contract:** Permanent, 28.5 hours a week, 39 weeks per year (44.60 paid weeks)

**Closing date:** 9am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Interview date:** Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Start date:** As soon as possible







**Thank you  
for your time**