





Teaching Assistant



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Welcome from the Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teaching Assistant at Linton Heights part of Anglian Learning.

We are an ambitious, outward looking school trust consisting of seven secondary schools and nine primary schools. While each of our academies retains very clearly their own identity and ethos, we are collectively passionate in our belief that all young people deserve to have access to an outstanding education, and which crucially enables them to thrive in the local, national, and global communities in which they live.

Anglian Learning has been founded on strong collaborative and trusting relationships, where everybody is committed to sharing their successes, but equally open to new ideas and alternative perspectives. We also firmly believe that our most important resource is our people, and if you apply and are successful in your application, we promise to develop and support you in your career, as well as providing a caring, friendly environment in which to work.

For an informal discussion regarding this role, please contact Christine Benjamin - office@lintonheightsjunior.org

I hope that you find the following information useful. If you wish to visit our school or make an application for this vacancy, please see contact information within.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Culpin Chief Executive Officer





Anglian Learning

Our mission is to build an innovative partnership of academies that excites, inspires, and empowers our people – pupils, staff, and the community in which we work - to be the very best they can be, to have the confidence to think creatively, and embrace new challenges. Through this we will seek to support and inspire our young people to be dynamic learners who will live, grow, and thrive in the local, national, and global community in which they live and will work.

Currently, the Trust educates more than 8000 pupils and employs over 1000 members of staff in 15 schools across three counties, with a 16th school due to open in September 2024. Several of our schools provide adult education opportunities, reflecting our commitment to lifelong learning and we also operate our own sport centres, under the banner of Anglian Leisure. We are recent winners of the NGA Outstanding Governance Award; have a unique partnership with Arts Council England, reflecting our commitment to arts education; and are one of the eight National Creativity Collaborative pilot hubs. We are strategic partners in the local teaching school hub, working closely to provide with other trusts to provide professional qualifications in addition to own very extensive professional learning programmes.

We provide school improvement support to our schools, alongside finance, human resources, ICT, and estates support. Many of our leaders, teachers, and professional services staff are involved in networks across the Trust to share best practice and build skills and knowledge, with some taking on cross-trust leadership positions.

Our most recent staff survey indicated that a high proportion of staff:

- ✓ Feel as though they belong within Anglian Learning
- ✓ Agree that they are provided with relevant opportunities for professional development
- ✓ Feel that there is a positive culture of psychological safety within their school
- ✓ Have high levels of job satisfaction and happiness at work
- ✓ Would recommend our organisation as a great place to work
- Almost all staff who responded to the survey feel part a team within their school and can rely on colleagues for support when needed.

The core Vision of Anglian Learning is to enable:

Dynamic, empowered learners who thrive and lead in their communities: locally, nationally, and globally.

Our four core values and principles guide our work to achieve our vision:



Aspiration

We are ambitious for ourselves and all those in our community to be the best we can be

Community

We underpin our relationships with a culture of support, respect and trust, recognising we are stronger together

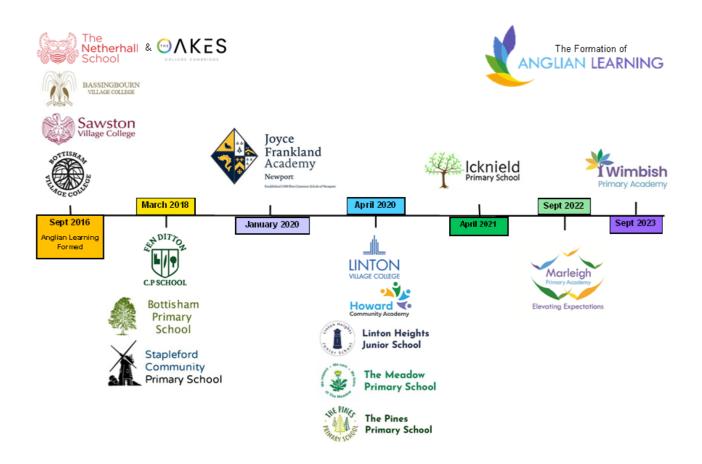
Empowerment

We enable our academies, staff and learners to embrace new ideas and think creatively

Inclusivity

We believe in equality of opportunity, celebrating everyone's differences and supporting learners of all abilities from all backgrounds

This is our Anglian Learning community. It is an exciting time to join our growing Trust.



We are committed to providing outstanding academies which are a source of pride for the communities that they serve.

We aim to achieve this by raising the educational attainment of all our young people and using the collective energy and cross-school educational fertilisation within the Trust to improve life chances by:

- Developing a dynamic and inspirational culture for teaching and learning excellence.
- Providing pupils with stimulating and valuable enrichment opportunities across the curriculum.
- Building a curriculum and assessment structure that will enable teachers, pupils, and parents to celebrate success and respond swiftly to challenge.
- Encouraging innovation and risk-taking through a focus on research and best practice locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Promoting, enabling, and supporting leadership at all levels to flourish in individual schools and across the Trust.
- Providing high quality professional learning opportunities for staff at all levels in the Trust





Linton Heights Junior School is a very special place.

Here, every child is valued and can learn to value others. The children are encouraged to use their initiative, to work as individuals, in groups and as a team and to value the strengths and contributions of others.

At our school we are working together, as a whole school community, to provide an exciting and stimulating curriculum within a warm, friendly and inviting environment. Staff, pupils, governors and parents work collaboratively to achieve this.

We want our children to be happy, motivated, interested, enthusiastic and successful learners now and throughout their lives. We are all very proud of everything that we achieve here and are committed in striving for ongoing high standards and improvement to support all our learners. Please see below for our school values.

Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

Our Six School Values are:

Honesty - We are honest Resilience - We are resilient and will bounce back after a set back Responsibility - We take responsibility for our actions Ambition - We are ambitious and try our hardest to succeed Respect - We respect people and property Kindness - We show everyone kindness

Teaching Assistant

Position start date: September 2024 Salary: Level 1-3 depending on experience Location: Linton Heights Junior School Contract type: Permanent



Contract term: Full time or Part Time can be considered. Term time only - 38 weeks pro rata

Applications Close: Monday 13th July 2024 Interviews: Thursday 18th July 2024

The Governors of Linton Heights Junior School are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated part-time teaching assistant to work with our KS2 pupils, exact days/times to be agreed. You will have good literacy and numeracy skills, be very organised and effective in supporting children in their learning. Experience of working with KS2 children is desirable but this post is also open to non-experienced candidates.

This post offers an exciting opportunity to join a friendly and supportive staff dedicated to raising standards of achievement and providing quality education.

Safeguarding information

Linton Heights is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all staff and volunteers to share the same commitment. The above post will be subject to enhanced DBS checks, satisfactory references and will be exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

How to apply - information for applicants:

Via MyNewTerm - https://mynewterm.com/jobs/143576/EDV-2024-LHJS-26756

About us

Linton Heights Junior School is a two-form entry academy which forms part of the Anglian Learning Multi-Academy Trust. We are at the heart of a warm and vibrant community in South Cambridgeshire and currently have 245 pupils in school. Children enjoy coming to our school where staff care about them, promote positive behaviour and inspire learning. We believe wholeheartedly in the holistic development of our pupils – academically, physically, socially and emotionally.

Employee Benefits

Anglian Learning offers the following benefits to staff.

 Career Average Revalued Earnings Pension Scheme (CARE)



- Free membership to all <u>Anglian Leisure</u>'s Sports Centres Bassingbourn, Bottisham, Sawston, Joyce Frankland, Linton and Netherhall
- o 20% Discount on Adult Education Classes run by Anglian Learning School's
- Employee Assistance Programme via Health Assured
- o Cycle To Work Salary Sacrifice Scheme
- Discounted Eye Care Vouchers
- Annual Flu Jab Vouchers

Application

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This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act. Our policies for Ex-Offenders, GDPR, Safeguarding and Recruitment can be found on our website: www.anglianlearning.org

We value diversity and welcome applications from all, including those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act. Flexible working will be considered for all roles deemed suitable.

Please note the photo(s) of pupils attached to this notice were used under the legal ground of consent, for the purpose of preparing publications that promote the school





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Salary	Level 1-3 depending on experience
Hours	Full time or part time Term time only - 38 weeks pro rata
Pension	LGPS is a salary-related, defined benefit scheme and is not affected by stock market changes or performance of investments
Annual Leave	Term Time Only
Disclosure Level	Enhanced DBS
Location	The post holder will be based at Linton Heights but may be expected to work across the Trust and to travel between sites.
Responsible to	Headteacher
Job Purpose	 > Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils > Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion > Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning, and experience a sense of achievement

Main purpose

The TA will:

- > Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- > Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning, and experience a sense of achievement

Duties and responsibilities

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Support the teaching of a broad and balanced curriculum aimed at pupils achieving their full potential in all areas of learning
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment

- > Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- > Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- > Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning
- > Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- > Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- > Prepare the classroom for lessons

Working with staff, parents/carers and relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- Contribute to meetings with parents and carers by providing feedback on pupil progress, attainment and barriers to learning, as directed by teachers
- > With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress, or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- > Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' wellbeing by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) and our school's child protection policy
- > Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- > Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- > Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Other areas of responsibility

Safeguarding

- Work in line with statutory safeguarding guidance (e.g. Keeping Children Safe in Education, Prevent) and our safeguarding and child protection policies
- > Promote the safeguarding of all pupils in the school

The TA will be required to follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note, this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the TA / HLTA will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher or line manager.

Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
Qualifications and training	 > GCSE or equivalent level, including at least a Grade 4 (previously Grade C) in English and maths > First-aid training, or willingness to complete it
Experience	 Experience working in a school environment or other educational setting Experience working with children / young people Experience planning and delivering learning activities
Skills and knowledge	 > Good literacy and numeracy skills > Good organisational skills > Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults > Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils > Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs > Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils > Excellent verbal communication skills > Active listening skills > The ability to remain calm in stressful situations > Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children > Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning > Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context
Personal qualities	 > Enjoyment of working with children > Sensitivity and understanding, to help build good relationships with pupils > A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils, and promoting the ethos and values of the school > Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times > Commitment to safeguarding pupil's wellbeing and equality > Resilient, positive, forward looking and enthusiastic about making a difference > Capacity to inspire, motivate and challenge children and young people

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