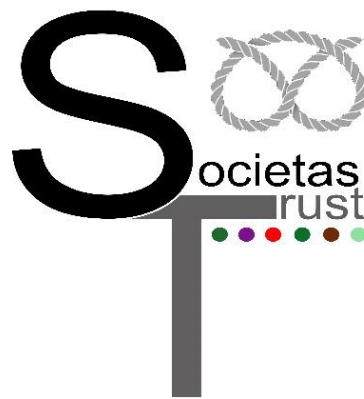




The Societas Trust



Recruitment Pack

Teaching and Learning Assistant (Early Years)

Closing date: 13th December 2024 (midday)

Interview Date: 16th December 2024

Carmountside Primary Academy

“Great Learning Opportunities For All”

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Message from the CEO of the Trust

Dear applicant

Thank you for your interest in the position of Key Stage 2 Teacher at Carmountside Primary Academy which is part of the The Societas Trust. Our Trust currently consists of:

Alsagers Bank Primary Academy

Ash Green Primary Academy

Burnwood Primary School (Associate member)

Carmountside Primary Academy

Ellison Primary Academy

Gladstone Primary Academy

Goldenhill Primary Academy

Oaklands Nursery School (Associate member)

Summerbank Primary Academy

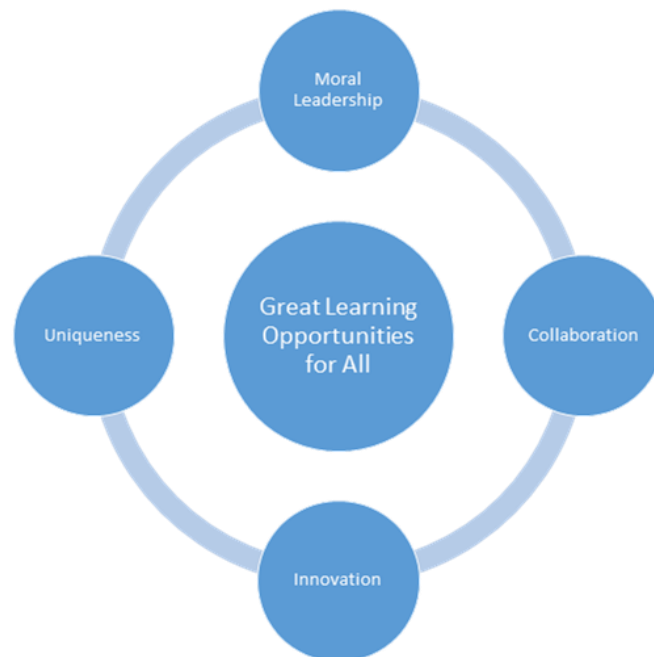
The Societas Trust is a successful partnership between nine schools in North Staffordshire. We share a belief that the needs of children are best met when schools collaborate and cooperate and are able to maintain close links with the communities they serve. Whilst it is crucial for us to support the development of the unique identity of each school in the partnership, we also believe that by developing and promoting innovative and creative approaches to learning and teaching across the trust, we will ensure that our children have the very best opportunities to excel academically and develop socially. We believe that children learn best and thrive in environments that promote and foster self-belief, the love of learning and high expectations of themselves and others. I would like to extend my very best wishes to all the pupils, teachers, governors and parents/carers across The Societas Trust for their future success.

Jon Lovatt



Vision and Values of The Societas Trust.

'To create a sustainable, professional community, where all learners are valued and encouraged to achieve their potential, and all individuals are respected.'



Whilst our shared drivers and values, depicted above, underpin the ethos and culture of the Trust, each setting is also valued as an individual entity with its own special identity. So, at Societas:

All settings work collaboratively, not competitively – there is no lead setting;

Each setting retains its own senior leadership team and business manager;

Each setting retains its own local governing board.

Our shared values include:

Honesty

Transparency

Trust

Challenge

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Moral Leadership

Professional regard

Collaboration

Physical Health and Well-Being for all

Our Settings

[Alsagers Primary Academy.](#)



Alsagers Bank Primary Academy is proud to have become part of The Societas Trust in September 2021.

Alsagers Bank Primary Academy is a small, semi-rural primary school located on the outskirts of Newcastle under Lyme with 157 pupils on role from Nursery to Year 6. (September 2024). We have 7 classes throughout the school and 28 staff. We work closely with Bee Active Childcare who provide 2 year old provision on our site and Bee Active who offer holiday club provision to the local community during all school holidays.

Our main school building, which dates back to 1836, is set within generous grounds with large school fields on which a dedicated area to Forest Schools has been developed and this theme of Forest Schools is reflected in our school corridor decoration.

[Ash Green Primary Academy](#)



Ash Green Primary Academy is a nurturing environment where all children feel valued, happy and secure. As a family, we learn together, laugh together and take care of each other in a school community which is passionate about caring for the body, heart and mind. Equality, fairness and respect are paramount as is our unshakeable belief that all children have an entitlement to world class opportunities regardless of background.

We aspire for all children to have a love of learning, be curious about the world we live in and to have the confidence to try new ideas and take risks. Children embrace unique talents as well as ensuring that we are 'achieving the best, together'. All within our school family take pride in the role they have by striving for excellence and not perfection. These core values mean that all children achieve their personal bests by having high expectations of themselves and others. A carefully designed curriculum and assessment system, bespoke to our school context, allows our children to make sense of the world and their place in it, as well as respecting and valuing other individuals and communities.

Ash Green has strong collaborative links with all settings within The Societas Trust. The team are outward facing in their pursuit of self-sustaining school improvement.



[Burnwood Community School](#)

Burnwood Community School is a fast paced, exciting and creative school that works hard to ensure that the whole school community is supported. The achievement of our children is our top priority and everyone supports our ethos and school mission statement of 'working together to achieve our best'.

At Burnwood we support and challenge every child, to be resilient, to work hard and to do their best. We work collaboratively across the Trust and beyond to promote a culture in which openness to peer and external scrutiny are balanced by an expectation that we share talents, strengths, and expertise.

All members of the school team share the school values and have the drive to secure rapid and sustained improvement whilst also developing the culture and ethos of the school. We prioritise staff wellbeing and are deeply committed to investing in staff at every level of our organisation through clear professional development pathways and opportunities.

[Carmoutside Primary Academy](#)



Carmoutside Primary Academy is a happy, warm and friendly school serving Abbey Hulton and the wider community to ensure that all children achieve more than they ever thought possible. We have a hardworking, dedicated team who provide the best for our children so they leave us having developed into confident, healthy individuals with the strength of character that enables them to achieve their full potential. We are committed to raising standards and have consistently high expectations of our children both academically and socially.

We are proud of the wide range of opportunities we offer our children. We aim to make learning enjoyable, allowing every individual to succeed in a safe, secure environment. Through our broad and balanced curriculum, we strive to create life-long learners with a hunger for knowledge whilst developing skills and values to become tolerant and respectful young people. We believe that every child has the right to quality education and that this is achieved when parents and schools work together in partnership.

[Ellison Primary Academy](#)



Ellison Primary Academy is a busy but friendly academy, where lots of exciting learning happens. We place great emphasis on children enjoying their learning experience, as well as reaching the highest possible standard of achievement. It's not just about remembering dates and facts...it's also about igniting an interest in learning that will last a lifetime. This would not be possible without our wonderful teaching and support staff. They are dedicated to making sure that all our children enjoy their time here and reach their full potential. We work in close partnership with all settings of The Societas Trust including Oaklands Nursery who are an associate partner.

Our school vision is, 'Developing a caring family of creative, critical and collaborative learners'; this is achieved in our highly supportive and caring environment, where children feel safe to make mistakes, learn from those

[Gladstone Primary Academy](#)



Gladstone is a two-form entry Primary School situated in Longton with we currently have over 470 pupils on roll. The school was built in 2009 and we have fantastic facilities in our impressive 'state of the arts building and grounds'. Gladstone is a nurturing school where everyone's contribution is valued. We have a talented and dedicated team and a forward thinking and ambitious Governing Board. Our fantastic pupils are well mannered and polite and play an active role in the running of our school and our parents are very supportive and work well with us. We serve as a hub for our local community.

[Goldenhill Primary Academy](#)



At Goldenhill Primary Academy, we are dedicated to providing a strong foundation for every child to thrive, both academically and personally. Our mission is to help each pupil reach their full potential in a nurturing and supportive environment. Central to our ethos are values of respect, exemplary behaviour, and inclusivity, which we foster in all members of our school community, regardless of age, gender, religion, or ability. At Goldenhill, we truly believe in 'Developing the Individual.'

Our provision is designed to inspire a genuine love of learning, which we see as the cornerstone of academic success. We are committed to continuously improving outcomes for all our pupils, ensuring they are well-equipped to meet the challenges ahead. As a fully inclusive school, we warmly welcome students with special educational needs and disabilities, and are dedicated to providing the support they need to flourish.

[Oaklands Nursery School](#)



We are one of the last 2 remaining standalone Local Authority Maintained Nursery Schools in Staffordshire. We work closely with The Societas Trust as an associate partner, which is comprised of 8 primary settings in North Staffordshire, including Ellison Primary Academy. We provide education for children aged two to five years with a caring, passionate and experienced staff team.

At Oaklands, we put the children at the heart of all we do, providing a truly child centred, creative and holistic approach to early years education. Our approach nurtures and empowers children to be curious, make their own choices and become confident and resilient individuals. Through this approach, we aspire to foster a lifelong love of learning. Staff are exceptionally skilled at knowing each child's interests, needs and next steps. The partnership with the Trust makes a positive difference to leaders, staff and children due to the enhanced range of opportunities, training and support provided.

[Summerbank Primary Academy](#)



Summerbank is a large, multicultural primary school situated in the north of Tunstall.

We provide children with an engaging, high quality, all round education in a vibrant, well-resourced and inclusive environment. We see our school as a family and we take pride in creating a caring and supportive ethos where each member thrives, our motto is 'together we grow'.

Children in our school are happy, polite and keen to learn and our talented and creative staff work hard to make sure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our curriculum is relevant and engaging and is taught well, this along with high expectations and a committed staff team ensures that children have good progress and attainment.

We are privileged to have a school community where a high proportion of our children and families originate from different areas across the world, bringing together a richness of culture and language which we celebrate at Summerbank. We want our children to take advantage of all the opportunities life has to offer - we plant the seed to grow their dreams.

Employee Benefits.

As a valued member of staff or governor at The Societas Trust, not only will you be part of an organisation that is dedicated to ensuring 'Great Learning Opportunities for All', which is embedded in our core values of Moral Leadership, Collaboration, Uniqueness and Innovation, you will also have access to a wide range of employee and governor benefits enabling you to thrive. These include:

- Automatic enrolment into guilt edged pension schemes: Teachers' Pensions Scheme for teachers; Staffordshire Local Government Pension Scheme for all other staff
- Cancer and Chronic Illness Support*
- Child Care Vouchers
- Counselling*
- Cycle To Work Scheme
- Discounted Gym Memberships
- Food Sensitivity Testing*
- Financial Wellbeing Support*
- Integrated GP Services*
- Long Service Award after 25 years' continuous service*
- Menopause Support*
- Mindfulness Support and 'Mastering Mindfulness' courses*
- Nurse Support*
- Physiotherapy*
- Private Medical Operations
- Recognition of relevant continuous service on appointment
- Staff Workshops, including Health Screening and Stress/Mindfulness Workshops
- Virtual Gym*
- Weight Management*
- Wellbeing Day - an additional day off work for your wellbeing
- Wide Range of Continuing Professional Development and Career Progression Opportunities

*These benefits are also available to our governors

(Please note that terms and conditions apply to some benefits)



Wellbeing



Job Description

Job Title: Teaching and Learning Assistant
Grade Level 4

Job Purpose

To provide classroom cover of up to 3 days during any short-term absence.

To work with teachers to support teaching and learning, providing specialist support to the teacher in an aspect of the curriculum, age range or additional needs.

Key Duties / Responsibilities

1. Provide learning activities for individuals and groups of pupils under the professional direction and supervision of a qualified teacher, differentiating and adapting learning programmes to suit the needs of allocated pupils
2. Assess, record and report on development, progress and attainment as agreed with the teacher
3. Monitor and record pupil responses and learning achievements, drawing any problems which cannot be resolved to the attention of the teacher
4. Plan and evaluate specialist learning activities with the teacher, writing reports and records as required
5. Select and adapt appropriate resources/methods to facilitate agreed learning activities
6. Support pupils in social and emotional well-being, reporting problems to the teacher as appropriate
7. Teaching Assistants in this role are expected to undertake at least one of the following:
8. Provide specialist support to pupils with special educational needs, for example, learning behavioural, communication, social, sensory or physical difficulties
9. Provide specialist support to pupils where English is not their first language
10. Provide specialist support to gifted and talented pupils
11. Provide specialist support to all pupils in a particular learning area (e.g. ICT, literacy, numeracy, National Curriculum subject).
12. Establish and maintain relationships with families, carers and other adults, e.g. speech therapists
13. Provide short term cover supervision of classes
14. Be responsible for the preparation, maintenance and control of stocks of materials and resources
15. Invigilate exams and tests
16. Escort and supervise pupils on educational and out of school activities
17. Guide and support pupils in their personal, emotional and social development
18. Prepare and present displays
19. Supervise individuals and groups of pupils throughout the day, including supervision in the classroom, playground and dining areas
20. Assist pupils with eating, dressing and hygiene, as required, whilst encouraging independence

21. To assist the SENCO and be involved in planning, organising and implementing individual development plans for pupils (such as Individual educational plans), including attendance at, and contribution to, reviews
22. Work with pupils not working to the normal timetable.

Person Specification

Job Title: Teaching and Learning Assistant

Minimum Essential Requirements - Evidenced by: **a:** application form **b:** test **c:** interview

c		a	b
Meeting the national occupational standards (NOS) in Supporting Teaching and Learning Level 3 or equivalent national vocational qualification (NVQ) Level 3			
Knowledge and compliance with policies and procedures relevant to child protection and health and safety			
An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English			

Application Guidance:

If you decide to apply for this post applicants are required to complete an application form, CVs will not be accepted. Your formal letter of application (supporting statement) should be no more than 1300 words and should include:

- Why you are attracted to the post
- How your experiences and achievements address the job description and personal specification

For further details and to request an application form please email jbourne@carmountside.org.uk

Visits to the Academy are strongly encouraged prior to application, to arrange please call the office on 01782 234676

Deadline for applications: 13th December 2024 (midday)

Interviews: 16th December 2024

If you have received communication from the academy inviting you for interview within 2 working days of the closing date of the post, you can assume that you have not been shortlisted on this occasion. We thank you for your interest in our organisation and would encourage you to apply for suitable vacancies in the future.

Safeguarding:

Carmountside Primary Academy is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people and expects all its employees to share this commitment. This post is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and all shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a criminal record self-declaration and be subject to references and online social media checks. Appointment to the post will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced check by the Disclosure & Barring Service.

To comply with Asylum and Immigration legislation you will be required (if appointed) to provide one or more documents from the Immigration Act 2006 - List A and B. You must provide proof of current and valid permission to be in the United Kingdom and valid permission to do the type of work offered. Further information is available at: www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/employers/

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