

Job description

Job title: Assistant Cook

Job ref: XS 2.5

School: Beaucroft Foundation School & College

Grade: Dorset Grade 3

Reports to: Headteacher / Head of Department / Cook-in-Charge

Main job purpose:

To assist in the management of the kitchen, to prepare and cook meals, and to oversee the tasks undertaken by the Kitchen Assistant(s). This will be conducted in accordance with food handling and preparation regulations, ensuring safe and proper use of the kitchen/catering equipment and materials provided.

Main responsibilities and duties:

1. To assist in the supervision, direction and training of Kitchen Assistants.
2. To assist in generating and processing all food orders, keeping all records and stock books, as required.
3. To assist in the preparation, cooking and serving of school, college and/or Café 1HQ meals.
4. To assist in the supervision of meal time service.
5. To maintain all areas of the kitchen and pieces of equipment, to necessary standards of kitchen hygiene.
6. To assist in the supervision and support of students with complex needs completing work experience within a catering/kitchen environment.
7. Wash up, as appropriate.
8. To prepare beverages and refreshments, as requested.
9. Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people in accordance with the school's safeguarding and child protection policy.

Knowledge & skills:

Preferably formal training to City and Guilds level 706/1 equivalent and relevant experience in catering.

Ability to train others, organisational skills, initiative, flexibility, communication at all levels, budgeting experience.

Supervision & management:

A requirement to assist in the supervision and deployment of kitchen assistant(s) and Beaucroft students, as appropriate, alongside teaching staff and the Cook-in-charge.

Problem solving:

Work to strict deadlines to plan day to day activities, but within established routines, within the budget and guidelines on nutritional content.

Contacts & relationships:

Deal with routine enquires from staff, students, visitors etc but to refer more complex queries affecting the service / arrangements to the Cook-in-Charge/Headteacher.

Decision making:

1. Where there is no specified menu, to assist the Cook-in-Charge/Headteacher in deciding on the school meals to be provided.
2. To order stock when appropriate.

Resources:

Handles and operates a range of kitchen and food preparation equipment (e.g. Ovens, hobs, food processors, cutting equipment, pans and catering machinery). Training and personal protective equipment will be provided.

Working environment:

Kitchen environment. Exposure to hot equipment, materials on a daily and continuous basis.

Requirement to transport/carry foods trays and kitchen equipment (not exceeding 25kg).