

# JOB DESCRIPTION



## Main job purpose

To ensure the safety, general welfare and conduct of pupils during the midday break period. Assistance is also given to school and catering staff with basic cleaning and general duties in and around dining areas.

## Main responsibilities and duties

- To supervise pupils in designated areas of the school during the midday break and to ensure their safety, welfare and general conduct through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures.
- To establish safe and appropriate behaviour by effective intervention or referral to senior staff.
- To supervise the movement of pupils to and from dining areas, including any personal hygiene requirements.
- To maintain good order in dining areas.
- To assist pupils, where necessary, with the collection of food and return of trays, or other items to the service counter.
- To assist pupils, where necessary, with the proper use of cutlery, drinking facilities or other aspects of the midday meal.
- To assist in the clearance of any spillages and wiping down, clearing or resetting of tables, as appropriate.
- To assist in the setting up and removal of furniture where necessary.
- To take any immediate action to attend to sickness or accidents by carrying out minor first aid and summoning relevant assistance.
- To report any unauthorised visitors on school premises.
- To complete any documentation required by the school in relation to incidents occurring during the lunchtime break period and to participate in review meetings, as required.

## Knowledge and skills

No formal qualifications or previous experience is required but the ability to establish positive expectations of pupil behaviour, good relationships with staff and pupils, and a sensitivity to pupils' personal needs is important. Necessary training in food handling may be required.

## Supervision and management

The post holder will be expected to work with limited supervision to an established work pattern. There will be support available from the Headteacher (or designated member of staff) and/or other designated member(s) of staff. Regular meetings will be arranged for briefing and/or feedback on relevant school or individual pupil matters.

## Key contacts and relationships

There is a high level of interaction with individual and groups of pupils. To work as a co-operative member of a team of supervisory assistants, liaising as necessary with other school staff. Decision making: The post holder will be supervising the movement and conduct of pupils and be expected to intervene, as appropriate, to establish safe and proper behaviour. The nature and level of intervention and the referral of problems to senior staff will depend upon personal judgement within any guidelines and policies issued by the school.

## Resources

If personal protective clothing is supplied, it must be worn at all times, as provided, and maintained to an appropriate standard.

## **Working Environment**

There may be some occasions when the post holder will be expected to attend to a pupil with soiled clothing due to sickness or toileting problems. There will be need to respond to challenging behaviour of pupils. The post will also involve some supervisory duties being undertaken on the playground or other external spaces. The key responsibilities and duties sets out the area of work in which duties will generally be focused, and gives an example of the type of duties that the post holder could be asked to carry out.

**PLEASE NOTE** that this is for guidance only. Post holders are expected to be flexible and may be required to operate in different areas of work/carry out different duties as may be reasonably assigned by the Headteacher.

## **Other duties**

- To have due regard for safeguarding and to follow child protection policies and procedures adopted by Sherborne Area Schools' Trust.
- Understand the importance of inclusion, equality and diversity and to promote equal opportunities for all.
- Uphold and promote the values and ethos of the academy.
- Take a proactive approach to health and safety to minimise and mitigate potential hazards and actively contribute to the security of the school.
- Participate in workplace learning and development opportunities and work to continually improve own and team performance.

## **Safeguarding Responsibilities for this post**

Safeguarding responsibilities associated with this role may include engagement in regulatory activity, such as administering first aid. It will have regular contact with young people on a day-to day basis. SAST is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will have to meet the person specification and the post is subject to safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check and Children's Barred List check. The post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.