



JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Teacher: Drama (Key Stages 2, 3 & 4)

REPORTS TO: Assistant Headteacher (Secondary)

LOCATION: Heathermount School

PAYSCALE: Teachers MPS/UPS + Fringe + SEN allowance

MAIN PURPOSE:

The Drama Teacher, responsible for Drama across Key Stages 2,3 & 4, will:

- Fulfill the professional responsibilities of a teacher; planning, implementing, and reviewing learning opportunities for a class group, ensuring that pupils make good progress.
- Be responsible for ensuring both academic progress and progress towards EHCP outcomes for each student in your class.
- Be responsible for the effective management of support staff, including monitoring and supervision.
- Support Heathermount School's responsibility for the safety and well-being of all pupils.

MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Curriculum Development

- Design and develop the Drama curriculum and lesson plans suitable for students with varying levels of cognitive, sensory, and physical abilities from KS2-4.
- Adapt and differentiate teaching materials and performance opportunities to accommodate the individual learning styles and needs of students with SEND (Autism).
- Develop and promote opportunities for students to explore acting, performance techniques, scriptwriting, and drama theory, both within and beyond the classroom.
- Organise and participate in extracurricular activities, such as school productions, drama clubs, or theatre workshops, to foster a love of performing arts and encourage students to develop confidence and creativity.
- Manage any delegated funds and allocate any available resources with maximum efficiency, advising the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on likely priorities for future expenditure.

Teaching & Learning

- Deliver engaging and interactive Drama lessons.
- Provide clear instructions and demonstrations to facilitate understanding and participation among students with diverse learning needs.
- Use a variety of teaching strategies, including role-play, improvisation, scripted performance, movement exercises, and collaborative group work, to enhance learning outcomes.

- Establish a positive and inclusive classroom and rehearsal space that promotes respect, collaboration, and a passion for Drama among students with diverse abilities and backgrounds.
- Implement strategies for managing behavior, self-regulation, and social interaction during Drama activities, ensuring all students feel safe and supported.
- Create a safe and structured performance environment, ensuring compliance with health and safety guidelines, particularly regarding movement-based activities and stagecraft.
- Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values, and behaviors expected of pupils.
- Register the attendance of pupils in class.
- Effectively manage the Teaching Assistants working within the group or department by establishing clear expectations and giving guidance on strategies for raising achievement.

Assessment & Feedback

- Assess student work using a range of assessment methods, including practical performances, self and peer evaluations, verbal feedback, and reflective journals, to evaluate understanding and progression in Drama.
- Provide constructive feedback and encouragement to students, focusing on strengths and areas for growth, to promote self-confidence and motivation. The school adopts a marking policy which prioritises verbal feedback.
- Communicate student progress and achievements to parents, caregivers, and relevant school staff through written reports, meetings, and parent-teacher evenings.

Professional Development & Collaboration

- Engage in ongoing professional development opportunities to stay informed about best practices, new trends, and research in Drama education and special education.
- Collaborate with colleagues, including other teachers, teaching assistants, therapists, and support staff, to share resources, ideas, and strategies for supporting students with SEND.
- Participate in Annual Reviews and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings to contribute insights and and progress.
- Actively contribute and engage with the wider school staff team.
- Participate in regular in-service training (INSET), weekly CPD sessions, and personalised continued professional development.
- Share your strengths and knowledge with other staff and make a wider school contribution.
- Find ways to manage your time and responsibilities in school to create a reasonable work-life balance. Combine work with personal interests to benefit both the pupils and the school.
- Participate in regular support, appraisal, and review meetings with line management.

Community Engagement & Advocacy

- Work with external partners to enhance Drama provision, including guest speakers, theatre visits, industry workshops, and collaborative performance opportunities.
- Advocate for the importance of Drama education for students with SEND within the school community, among parents, and in broader educational and policymaking contexts.
- Provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports, and

references relating to individual or groups of pupils, including:

- EHCP's to be reviewed and updated as required
 - IPP's targets to be monitored and updated
 - Annual reports for the Annual Review of Statements of Special Educational Needs and statutory Annual Reports to parents/guardians/authorities.
 - To attend statutory annual reviews or other related meetings such as safeguarding reviews.
- To prepare and revise other documents relevant to individual pupils such as risk assessments and Individual Behaviour Management Plans in line with Heathermount School

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- The post holder will be expected, at all times, to be familiar and comply with the written policies, procedures and guidelines for good practice, issued by Heathermount School and Cavendish Education
- Ensure the Health & Safety policy and procedures are adhered to at all times
- Take personal responsibility for your own health and safety and report incidents and potential hazards as necessary.

CHILD PROTECTION

All employees have a duty for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. Staff must be aware of the school's procedures for raising concerns about children's welfare and must report any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead without delay. Staff must also ensure they complete the appropriate level of safeguarding children training identified by the school as relevant to their role.

ETHICS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

Heathermount School operates in a constantly changing environment and as such work priorities and objectives may change. The School reserves the right to make reasonable changes to the job purpose and accountabilities.

All staff are required to respect the confidentiality of all matters they may learn relating to their employment, other members of staff and the general public.

This job description is intended to be a dynamic document, subject to agreed alteration and development in line with the evolution of the role.