

R A Butler Infant & Junior Academy

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Emma Vincent

The Post of Sports Assistant at RA Butler Academy

About the role:

We are looking for someone who is passionate about sport and PE to work alongside our Sports Coach to deliver our PE curriculum.

This role will involve:

- Co-teaching PE lessons with our Sports Coach
- Covering PE lessons as required
- Running sports clubs at lunchtime and after school
- Training the school sport teams and supporting trials
- Taking teams off-site for sports competitions
- Some admin associated with sports competitions
- Looking after and organising the school PE and Sports equipment

This post is suitable for a young person looking to take a first step towards a career in sports or teaching. Equally it would suit someone who is passionate about sport and enjoys working with children.

We are looking for a Sports Assistant who will:

- Be a role model for the children with a high level of integrity;
- Have an ability to enthuse and encourage children to take part in sports;
- Show a commitment for working within our values framework;
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn and reflect on your own practice;
- Have high expectations of your own professional practice
- Have high expectations for children's learning and behavior;
- Be able to motivate and inspire both pupils and parents;
- Demonstrate understanding of individualised education for those with additional needs;
- Work effectively as part of a team;
- Have good interpersonal and communication skills;
- Be sensitive to the needs of children and their families;
- Be well organized
- Have sound IT skills – use of Word, Excel etc
- Show commitment and flexibility to the school outside normal classroom duties.

Qualifications:

A minimum of grade C GCSE (or equivalent) in maths and English.

About the school:

RA Butler Academy is a fantastic place to work. Being three form entry, we are the largest primary school in Saffron Walden. As a large school, our teachers really benefit from working as a team. Each year group has three classes, so planning is shared and collaboration is

high. We monitor teacher workload carefully and this is reflected in our feedback policy. We also employ a school counsellor, specialist PE teacher, learning mentor and school nurse.

We maintain a strong family ethos across the school and really value every single child and the contributions that they make. We are a Unicef Rights Respecting School meaning that we ensure that our children have a right to a good education, to develop talents, to have a voice, to have friends and to feel safe and play. Under-pinning these we also base everything we do in school on our values:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Relationships
- Reflectiveness
- Resourcefulness
- Risk-taking
- articulate

Our exciting and engaging curriculum has a strong pedagogical base. Aspects of the curriculum that we deliver throughout the school are; a strong focus on the teaching of reading and reading for pleasure, high profile work on vocabulary, active learning techniques, carefully sequenced learning experiences, high expectations and securing learning in the long term memory supported by retrieval practice.

Our children come from the town of Saffron Walden and also from the local villages. The majority of our children are white British, but we have an increasing number of EAL children across the school. The number of disadvantaged children on roll is below the National average, but is increasing. We have an higher than average number of children with EHCPs – teachers are supported by our excellent inclusion team.

Children at this school achieve very well. They consistently achieve above the National average in all areas. They enjoy challenge in their learning and have a great attitude. Our children have a wide range of opportunities to develop their achievements in sport, music, chess and singing to a National standard.

RA Butler is a core school of the Saffron Academy Trust, working alongside Katherine Semar School and Saffron Walden County High School to provide the best educational experiences for our children. Staff CPD is highly valued at the school and our staff are able to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them through collaborative working with local schools. We are also an active part of the Saffron Teaching Hub which enables us to be very outward looking. A large percentage of our staff are engaged in action research projects. Current projects involve working with the University of Cambridge on DIALLS work, Maths Mastery development and the National Education College on Instructional Coaching. We are also active members of a Computing Hub and Science Learning Partnership. We are supporting many of our teachers through the new suite of NPQs.

We welcome visits to the school. Please contact Wendy Zych on admin@rab.academy to arrange an appointment. Being situated on the edge of Essex, we are easily accessible from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Hertfordshire

Applications by noon 8th July 2022 - midday

R A Butler Academy is committed to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Following safer recruitment procedures, the successful applicant will be subject to satisfactory references, medical checks and successful Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks.