

Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School



Job Description

Job Title	Assistant Caretaker / Handyperson /Groundsman
Grade	2020 Scale 4 -5 dependant on experience
Reports to	Site Manager (and/or School Business Manager, depending on responsibilities within the School)
Liaison with	School staff, contractors, the public/hirers, officers of County Council departments, Grounds Maintenance Contractors.
Job Purpose	<p>To contribute to the smooth running of the School by assisting the Site Manager as required as part of the site team in looking after the school site including caretaking, maintenance, portering, Health & Safety and security of the site.</p> <p>To provide an effective grounds service including overseeing maintenance of lawns, pitches and flower beds.</p>
Duties	<p>The duties of the post as outlined will be subject to the appropriate risk assessment, safe systems of work and appropriate equipment being available and the relevant competencies of the postholder.</p> <p><u>Security</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act as a keyholder and carrying out security procedures for the buildings and grounds. The routine and non-routine opening of premises and grounds. Responding to calls outside normal working hours as a result of break-ins etc. and/or the setting off of the burglar alarm(s).• Providing access, where possible, to the premises and classrooms in the event of snow or minor flooding or similar emergency situations.• Dealing with enquiries from officers and employees of the Local Education Authority, workers and contractors and, where appropriate in liaison with the Site Manager and School Business Manager• Attempting to prevent unauthorised access onto the school premises or grounds. (Note: in fulfilling this responsibility all employees are expected to work within established school procedures.)• Monitoring and ensuring the cleanliness of the School premises and furnishings. <p><u>Caretaking and maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operating the heating plant so that the required temperatures are maintained in the premises and an adequate supply of hot water is available. Carrying out frost precaution procedures.• Making arrangements for the carrying out of routine

procedures or inspections on ancillary equipment, e.g. checking automatic pumps and areas subject to flooding, and the maintenance of batteries.

- Carrying out school based procedures in the event of fire, flood, breaking and entering, accident or major damage.
- Carrying out school based procedure in relation to unforeseen situations, e.g. the COVID 19 pandemic.
- To identify and prioritise maintenance requirements and contribute to preparation of work programmes.
- To carry out first line repairs and maintenance which are not beyond the competence of the staff concerned, such as:-
 - carpentry work;
 - plumbing work – e.g. repairing a leaking pipe, simple installation work, such as plumbing in a new tap, or replacing washer etc.;
 - redecoration as appropriate;
 - plastering work such as repairing cracked or broken plaster, making good damaged walls, for example, following the removal of say, shelving or similar fittings;
 - fencing and boundary repairs, e.g. mending broken fencing panels or stakes, repairing holes in chain link fences etc.;
 - Glazing work, such as replacing smaller windows, re-beading or re-puttying glass panes, internal and external. N.B. Specialist contractors would be used for repairs to large windowpanes or double-glazed units or windows at a high level. (This is an indicative list, not a definitive one).
- Ensuring that all areas within the confines of the site are free from litter and that all drains and gullies are free flowing and clean.
- Making arrangements for the delivery of stores, materials and other goods and their conveyance to their points of distribution. Dispatching laundry, goods, materials etc.
- Preparing the school premises and site for out of school activities and clearing up after these activities.
- Undertaking cleaning of allocated area(s), and secondary cleaning.
- Washing internal walls e.g. classrooms, corridors, including cleaning at a high level where appropriate safety equipment is available and a safe system of work has been defined in accordance with Health and Safety requirements.
- Window cleaning, including cleaning at a high level where appropriate safety equipment is available and a safe system of work has been defined in accordance with Health and Safety requirements.
- Washing and cleaning of diffusers and replacing bulbs/tubes (where this includes working at a high level ensure appropriate safety equipment is available and a safe system of work has been defined in accordance with Health and Safety requirements.

Grounds

- To maintain all lawns and grass areas. This will include

	<p>checking cutting, strimming, turfing and fertilising requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain all beds which will include checking digging, edging, weeding, planting and pruning as required, and removing self-seeding trees and bushes as required • To maintain all perimeter hedging and trees. <p><u>Other duties</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing portable electrical equipment if trained and accredited to do so. • Assisting with the supervision and training of cleaning staff in the absence of / as requested by the Site Manager. • Undertaking letting and related duties as appropriate. • Preparing the school premises and site for out of school activities. • Assisting, as required, in the completion of claims for caretaking fees for lettings and making out forms for the requisition of stores and repairs. • Maintenance of Inventory of/in respect of equipment. Carrying out an annual check of equipment against the Inventory. • Emergency cover. • PAT Testing designated person. Training provided. • Fire safety lead; core point checks etc. • Deputy to the Site manager on H&S checks and equipment including ladders, tools etc • Relief mini bus driver where needed. <p><u>Health & Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the implementation and compliance with appropriate Codes of Practice throughout the School (in relation to premises and caretaking/cleaning issues) in liaison with the Health and Safety Officer for the School. <p>Monitoring the appropriate (define e.g. premises and caretaking and cleaning related) Health and Safety procedures in use in the School and reporting any issues to the Health and Safety Officer for the School.</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>Such other duties relating to the use of the premises and site as may be necessary from time to time in accordance with established local practice or with the reasonable requirements of the School and Governing Body.</p> <p>The duties may be varied by the Headteacher and/or Governing Body to meet changed circumstances in a manner compatible with the post held.</p>
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To participate in the performance and development review process, taking personal responsibility for identification of learning, development and training opportunities in

	<p>discussion with line manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To comply with individual responsibilities, in accordance with the role, for health & safety in the workplace• Ensure that all duties and services provided are in accordance with the School's Equal Opportunities Policy• The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.
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ASSISTANT CARETAKER / HANDYPERSON

General heading	Detail	Examples
Qualifications & Experience	Specific qualifications & experience	Experience of caretaking and/or buildings maintenance/security
	Knowledge of relevant policies and procedures	Knowledge of First Aid
	Literacy	Good reading and writing skills
	Numeracy	Ability to count and undertake general mathematical calculations
	Technology	Good knowledge of security, heating plant and other building systems Ability to undertake DIY tasks
Communication	Written	Ability to complete forms, write letters and reports
	Verbal	Ability to exchange complex verbal information clearly
	Languages	Seek support to overcome communication barriers with children and adults
	Negotiating	Ability to negotiate effectively to achieve best outcomes Ability to manage difficult or controversial exchanges
Working with children	Behaviour Management	Understand the school's behaviour management policy
	SEN	Understand and support the differences in children and adults and respond appropriately
	Curriculum	Basic understanding of the learning experience provided by the school
	Child Development	Basic understanding of the way in which children develop
	Health & Well being	Understand and support the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing
Working with others	Working with partners	Understand the role of others working in and with the school
	Relationships	Ability to establish rapport and respectful and trusting relationships with others
	Team work	Ability to make an distinctive contribution to the work of the work a team
	Information	Contribute to the development and implementation of effective systems to share information
Responsibilities	Organisational skills	Excellent organisational skills Ability to remain calm under pressure
	Line Management	Ability to supervise and monitor the work of others
	Time Management	Ability to manage own time effectively Demonstrate a flexible approach
	Creativity	Demonstrate ability to resolve complex problems independently

General	Equalities	Awareness of and commitment to equality
	Health & Safety	Good understanding of Health & Safety
	Child Protection	Understand and implement child protection procedures
	Confidentiality/Data Protection	Understand procedures and legislation relating to confidentiality
	CPD	Demonstrate a clear commitment to develop and learn in the role Ability to effectively evaluate own performance