



# Lexden Springs Residential Special School

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**POST TITLE:** Deputy Head of Care – 37 hours per week, shift work Term time only plus non pupil days. (39 weeks per year).

**SALARY:** Scale 8 (Points 25-28), Actual starting salary from £25,800.66

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Head of Care, Head Teacher

**LIAISON WITH:** Senior Leaders

## **OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES**

As Deputy Head of Care you are expected to take responsibility for ensuring that the children and young people receive a level of residential care which displays a commitment to the philosophy outlined by Lexden Springs Residential Special School. If you feel at any time this is not the case, it is your responsibility to bring it to the immediate attention of the Head Teacher or Head of care.

Our aim is to promote a positive, caring environment which focuses upon and addresses the needs of each individual child or young person.

We recognise the value and worth of those in our charge and seek to uphold standards of the highest quality, which reinforce the dignity and respect of the individual in an atmosphere which is warm, caring, stimulating, accepting and free from all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

In saying this, no effort is spared to achieve a true partnership between school, parents/carers, and authorities, which will promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of our children and young people in order that they may achieve their full potential.

## **Expectations**

In fulfilling your role you will be expected to:

Ensure that all policies, procedures, and practices reflect the school's commitment and statement of purpose to the importance and value of the individual. It is therefore your task to challenge and change any policies, procedures or practice which is discriminatory or prejudicial and which does not reflect or promote the ethos of the school and ensure that they successfully reflect good practice and expectations of Ofsted and legal guidance.

Ensure that all children and young people are treated with dignity and respect, in an environment which reflects the importance of and their right to be treated as valuable worthwhile individuals.

To embrace the ethos of Lexden Springs residential Special School.

Take every step necessary to ensure that our children and young people are protected from neglect, abuse and exploitation.

As Deputy Head of Care you are expected to maintain strict confidentiality in all areas of your work.

## **Designated Areas of Responsibility**

Deployment, support, and supervision of the care staff team.

As Deputy Head of Care you will be expected to ensure that:

- Adequate levels of staffing are available at all times.
- You establish a clear network for the delegation of responsibility within the residential staff team, which is both effective and demonstrably accountable.
- Adequate support and direction is given to all members of the residential staff team so that they may carry out their delegated duties effectively.
- You oversee staff appraisals and supervisions for residential staff of your appointed House.
- You support the writing and fulfilment of day care systems and rota's if required.

You write and update when required residential health care plans, boarding risk assessments, peep's and missing pupil profiles.

You carry out home visits and feedback/review meeting with parents and carers.

You share pupil progress on evidence for learning.

## **Staff Development**

As Deputy Head of Care you should ensure that both the personal and professional needs of the residential staff are identified and as far as possible catered for, therefore you would be expected to:

- Identify the training needs of residential staff so as to promote their personal and professional development.
- Motivate and enable staff members to meet their full potential as effective practitioners of 'High Quality Care'.
- Operate the school's Internal Quality Assurance procedures for residential staff including appraisal and supervision.

## **Managerial Responsibilities**

As a senior staff member, you will be expected to:

- Promote and maintain effective channels of communication within the school.
- To take responsibility, in conjunction with key staff and pupil files for residential placements.

To ensure all residential staff are working inline with the Residential Special School national minimum care standards.

- To take responsibility for the monitoring and maintenance of medication systems.

## **Child Protection and safeguarding**

As Deputy Head of Care you must ensure that you have adequate knowledge and insight into all applicable child protection policies and guidance. In the absence of the Head Teacher or head of care you will assume responsibility for co-ordinating all child protection issues which may arise. To undertake this role, you will be required to complete Local Authority Training as a Child Protection Officer for the school.

## **Complaints Procedure**

As Deputy Head of Care you will be expected to be aware of the 'Complaints Procedures' set up for our children and young people and parents and carers.

## **Outside Links**

As Deputy Head of Care you will be expected to develop and maintain links with the community outside of the school whilst also ensuring you form professional links with other agencies or professional bodies. You must also actively promote 'Partnership' with parents/families or carers.

## **Personal Responsibility**

As Deputy Head of Care you must take a personal responsibility for ensuring you cater for your own training needs, and that you remain aware of all current issues in your field of work. You are expected to discuss your work in supervision and appraisal (Performance Development Reviews) with the Head of Care/Head Teacher.

## **Daily Responsibilities**

A large part of the role involves working with our resident pupils on a daily basis adopting a therapeutic and holistic approach.

You will be responsible for arranging daily activities for the residents both on and offsite. You will need to ensure that all relevant risk assessments and other relevant checks are carried out in advance and all staff are aware of these and procedures they need to follow in order for the activity to be carried out safely.

You will also be responsible for making sure all residential health care plans are followed and are regularly updated with the correct information.

You will be responsible for administering any required medication for residents and ensuring the correct medication protocols are adhered to.

Due to the nature of your work, circumstances may arise which are unpredictable, and you may be required to carry out duties that are not outlined in this Job Description but are requested by the Head Teacher. On such occasions we will strive to give you adequate notice and guidance of these duties.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Lexden Springs Residential Special School is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of all children and young people in our care. All staff have a key role and responsibility in this area.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check.