

Person Specification

Post Title School Cook

<u>Attributes</u>	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Desirable</u>	How Identified
Relevant Experience	Food hygiene and cookery skills Good Microsoft Office skills Good numeracy skills Experience of working to deadlines Knowledge and understanding of catering related legislation Experience and knowledge of working in a large-scale catering environment	Experience of working in an educational setting Experience of working as a Cook in an industrial kitchen or catering establishment Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding Experience of supervising and supporting children in a school environment Working with children in a secondary school or other similar setting	Application form / Interview
Education and Training	Relevant Training and Cookery Qualification or equivalent experience required Food Safety Level 2 GCSE or equivalent in English & Maths Strong literacy and numeracy skills/qualifications Good ICT skills Evidence of continuous professional development Willingness to undertake additional qualifications and training relevant to the role	Evidence of ongoing CPD Food Safety Level 3 Food Allergen Qualification Safeguarding and child protection training/qualifications First Aid certificate Experience and/or awareness of Cashless Catering systems and other School information management systems	Application form / Interview
Competencies	The ability to work as part of a team The ability to supervise a team The ability to work independently and make sound decisions Excellent communication skills		Application form / Interview
Special Knowledge and Skills	Consistent high expectations Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills Highly organised, with great attention to detail Able to organise and prioritise work load and meet predetermined deadlines	Awareness and understanding of the importance of School policies and procedures Awareness of confidentiality issues linked to home/student/Teacher/School work Awareness of effective well-being support strategies	Application form / Interview

	Able to interact with and motivate staff whilst demonstrating an understanding of their needs and competences. Commitment to safeguarding and child protection		
Any Additional Factors	Ability to maintain positive and purposeful professional relationships with students, parents/carers and staff Ability to take responsibility and act upon own professional initiative to problem solve as and when required Ability to work effectively and productively within a team Ability to work under pressure Sense of humour and a positive outlook Dedication to role and towards supporting the best interests of the child and the school Honesty and professional integrity Reliability, perseverance and resilience towards supporting the role Demonstrates role model status of high standards and expectation Ability, flexibility and willingness to take on other reasonable responsibilities or duties as deemed necessary Must be able to work flexibly and within contracted hours Attendance at meetings, INSET/parents' evenings/school events as required	Willingness to attend additional training courses relevant to the role Commitment towards further professional development Understand and be able to demonstrate a commitment to Equal Opportunities and Diversity	Application form / Interview

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