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Teaching Assistant
Recruitment Pack
Amberley Parochial School





Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Teaching Assistant.

Amberley Parochial School is part of a wider family of schools. Originally established in 2012 as one of the first Diocesan Multi-Academy Trusts, The Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust is now recognised as a successful and growing Trust. There are currently 24 primary schools within the Trust family, including 22 church schools and two community schools.

I hope the information enclosed in this pack, along with the job description and person specification will provide you with a helpful context for this role. You may also find our school website www.amberleyschool.co.uk and the Trust website - www.dgat.org.uk - useful sources of information.

If you would like an informal chat to inform your decision about applying for the role I would be pleased to hear from you. I'm sure you will find that we have much to offer. Details of how to contact me can be found on page three of this pack.

The closing date for completed applications is Monday 27th June 2025. Interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9th July.

To submit your application please email the completed form to Samantha Russell, School Business Manager, admin@amb.dgat.org.uk before the closing date.

Yours faithfully

Signature

Alison Flight
Headteacher



The Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust seek to appoint an

Teaching Assistant

The post is offered as a salary of Grade 3-4, Point 4-10 dependant on experience on a fixed term basis until July 2026.

This is a part-time post for 14.4 hours a week

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from the vacancy area of our website www.amberleyschool.co.uk

If you would like an informal conversation about the role, please contact Alison Flight on 01453 873349 or email head@amb.dgat.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Thursday 27th June 2025.

Other information that might help you decide if this is the role for you

Usual working days and times:	Monday-Thursday 8.30am to 12.00pm
Work environment	Classroom
Dress code:	Smart/Casual
Employee benefits:	<p>Free and confidential employee assistance programme available 24/7</p> <p>High quality professional development – please see the DGAT Continuous Professional Development and Learning Brochure for more information here: https://www.dgat.org.uk/cpdl-and-events</p> <p>A range of clear and supportive policies.</p> <p>An annual wellbeing survey and access to an online wellbeing toolkit.</p>



Please note:

The Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful candidate. The Trust also requires consent from applicants to carry out online searches of publicly available information, including social media, prior to interview.

All posts are subject to satisfactory references.



Background Information

The Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust (DGAT) is a Multi-Academy Trust established by the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) in 2012 to serve schools from across the County. There are currently twenty-one primary, one junior and two infant schools within the Trust. Twenty-two of the schools have Church of England designation.

The Trust is happy to work with schools that are exploring academy conversion and intends to continue to welcome more schools to our family.

Our vision is to enable all to flourish.

Our vision is rooted in our Christian foundation and our belief that all within our family should experience life in all its fullness.

Our aims are to be:

- Authentically Christian
- Boldly passionate about excellence in learning
- Relentlessly driven in our aspiration for everyone

Our core principles:

- We aspire to be the best we can be in an ever-changing environment - providing opportunities for all to flourish
- Within our DGAT family we cherish everyone as individuals; appreciating and celebrating diversity
- We act with integrity; we are open to challenge and we are reflective about our practice
- We treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Through collaboration, in a nurturing community, we grow, learn and achieve

School is Trust and Trust is School

In order to support our family of schools, DGAT provides the following support:

- School Improvement
- Christian Character
- HR and Legal
- Finance and Business
- Premises and Insurance
- Compliance and GDPR
- Governance

Job Description

Job Title:	Teaching Assistant
Responsible to:	SLT
Line Management:	Alison Flight – Headteacher
Contract Type:	Fixed Term

Overall purpose of this post

Main purpose

Teaching assistants will:

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement

Duties and responsibilities

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Support bilingual/multilingual pupils and help them to access the curriculum
- To be aware of a pupil's problems, achievements, progress and report to the teacher
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning

- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers and work with parents to enhance pupils learning
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Whole-school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy

- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity

Other areas of responsibility

- Undertake routine marking in line with school policy
- Contact parent/carer should an incident arise
- Supervise pupils on visits/trips as required

Other

The current main duties and responsibilities of this post are outlined in this job description. The list is not intended to be exhaustive. The need for flexibility, shared accountability and team working is required. The post-holder is expected to carry out any other related duties that are within their skills and abilities, commensurate with the post's banding and whenever reasonably instructed.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the core of who we are. Our commitment to these values is central to our vision and to our impact. We know that having varied perspectives



that are representative of the communities we serve helps generate better ideas to solve the complex problems of a changing and increasingly diverse world.

It is the practice of the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust to review job descriptions annually to ensure that they relate to the role as then being performed or to incorporate whatever reasonable changes that have occurred over time or are being proposed. This review will be carried out by the Trust in consultation with the post-holder before any changes are implemented. The post-holder is expected to participate fully in such discussions and implementation.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Personal Values		
Committed to actively promoting the Christian ethos and values of the school	x	
Committed to the school's vision	x	
Qualifications		
	x	
Experience	x	
Personal qualities		
Good written and oral skills	x	
Well-motivated with the ability to use own initiative	x	
Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail	x	
Able to work within a team	x	
Reliable and punctual	x	
Able to work efficiently and accurately under pressure and to prioritise tasks	x	
Confident in dealing with a variety of stakeholders	x	
Professional and honest	x	
Additional Requirements		
Current driving licence and personal transport.		x

