



Transforming Lives

EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Ashlawn School

Teaching Assistant Level 2

Recruitment Pack 2023

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About Transforming Lives Educational Trust

Our History

The Transforming Lives Educational Trust (TLET) was established in October 2016 and is a Charitable Trust and Company Limited by Guarantee. TLET grew out of a partnership between a high performing secondary school and primary school in Rugby, Warwickshire. The desire to work together arose from continuing population growth in the local community, our belief that we can shape and influence practice wider than our current schools, and the desire to provide the community with more high-quality school places. The Trust is set to grow over the coming years and currently comprises of two secondary-phase academies, Ashlawn School and Houlton School, and two primary-phase academies, Henry Hinde Infant School and Henry Hinde Junior School. Currently we are responsible for approximately 2400 children and young people and, along with the Trust's Central team, 350 employees and £13m of public money annually.

Our Vision

We believe in the transformative power of learning and its singular ability to broaden horizons, deepen perspectives and extend potential.

Our family of academies will be recognised as the most forward-thinking and innovative organisations within the communities they serve, providing a springboard for our children, young people and staff so that they become exemplary citizens who strive to stretch their potential and become transformers in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Our Strapline

Transforming tomorrow, today.

Our Standards

One team, one goal

- ◆ We are totally united and committed to improve life chances.

Best daily deal, everyday

- ◆ We have the highest expectations for all, in all, from all, always.

No excuses

- ◆ We see it, own it, sort it.

Community First

- ◆ If it's important to you, it's important to us – we care.

Our Values

Tend the team – *listening to, sharing with, and learning from others so that we nurture the potential of all (loyalty)*

Reach for excellence – *only comparing ourselves to the best – seeking to match and then surpass it (excellence)*

Utalise innovation – *seeking forefront thinking and creativity, and leading the change (courage)*

Seize success – *holding onto our vision and building on our achievements (tenacity)*

Thank as you go – *recognising the contribution of others to the Trust's successes (kindness)*

Our Academies



Our Team

Without exception, everyone is deeply committed to the very highest outcomes, regardless of their role, recognising the strength of collective contribution and effort.

Leaders

Academy leaders, driven by exceptional Principals, focus relentlessly on pupils and their outcomes, with everything else as peripheral. They are restless in their leadership, seeking ever better ways to improve in a culture of success. They do what it takes to make the difference.

Central team leaders, motivated by an inspiring Executive, lead high performing teams who add value to our academies by providing the environment in which others thrive. They unburden academy leaders, enabling them to keep the main thing, the main thing – pupil outcomes.

Governance, for our academies and for the Trust, is robust, rigorous and proportionate, providing professional support and challenge so that leaders strive to the limit of what is possible with a sharp focus on outcomes and excellence.

Our leaders never allow the urgent to distract them from the important, navigating a clear route to long-term success.

Teachers

Our teachers are highly effective in the classroom, both in the uncompromising quality of their teaching and in the perceptive and individualised attention they give to pupils. They are passionate about the subjects they teach and dedicated to the children in their care. Our teachers are carefully recruited and expertly supported to make sure they, like our pupils, are always at the top of their game.

Support Staff

Our support staff are the backbone of our organisation and are specialists in their areas of responsibility. Like our teachers, they are well-trained and highly effective at ensuring the smooth operation of our Trust day in, day out.

Our Aims

1. Our children achieve more, and make better progress, by attending a TLET academy than would otherwise be expected.
2. Others hold our academies, and the Trust, in the highest regard.
3. Our accommodation and premises are safe, well maintained and with facilities that are constantly improving.
4. Infrastructure and management systems are effective and cohesive, underpinned by sound financial management.
5. Our Trust operates at least seven academies, with due regard to growing responsibly, sustainably and with a mix of primary and secondary phased academies.
6. The welfare of our children and staff is promoted effectively in a safe environment where they are protected from harm.

Why Work for TLET?

At TLET, we want to be an employer of choice for our employees.

We believe that the children and young people in our care deserve the very best staff who are highly effective at what they do. We want our employees to take great pride and satisfaction in their work. This means that one of our fundamental priorities is to ensure that all of our employees feel valued, knowing that the role they fulfil is vital to transforming the life chances of others. Put simply, we are loyal to our employees and receive their loyalty in return.

Comprehensive Induction

When joining TLET, you will have access to a detailed induction programme which is designed to ensure you feel confident in your new role from your first day with us. This is led by our HR team in partnership with your line manager and focuses on our culture, safeguarding, site orientation, key people and TLET expectations, among other things. We know the importance of a great start for our children and young people when they join one of our academies, so we place just as much importance on the way new employees transition into TLET.

Tailored Training

We believe in giving our children and young people the best daily deal. To this end, all of our employees have access to individualised performance development programmes and tailored training to ensure we are all restless in our pursuit of excellence. We work with respected training providers such as ECM Consultants, Challenge Partners and our own TLET Education Improvement Service, harnessing a blended training platform of virtual and face-to-face sessions.

Tending the Team

At TLET, we recognize that working in schools is extremely rewarding, but we haven't lost sight of the fact that it is often challenging and burdensome. All our employees have access to our TLET wellbeing offer to promote your mental and emotional wellness. This centres around a suite of staff provision such as bitesize online wellbeing training to help maintain work-life balance, free access to professional counselling and even shopping vouchers! In short, we take care to care.

TLET Central Team

As an employee at TLET, you will benefit from our extensive and expert Central Team who are based in Rugby making them highly accessible and responsive. The Central Team deliver leadership, finance, estates, business operations, SEND, HR and IT expertise to our academies with the intention of making it easier for others to do their job. Our Central Team work in partnership with our academy leaders to ensure that support is tailored to the needs of each academy.

Furthermore, we follow the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document, the National Joint Council guidelines and recognize continuity of service for all employees joining TLET to ensure that our employees are looked after well compared with others in different settings.

About the Role

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teaching Assistant Level 2 at Ashlawn School

This pack has been designed to help you should you choose to submit an application to us, which we sincerely hope you do. The pack aims to answer all of your initial questions, but if not, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is extremely important to us that you feel comfortable and confident to proceed with your application as we aim to make the very best appointment possible.

So, who are we looking for?

Ashlawn School is recruiting a Teaching Assistant to support the learning and wellbeing of students throughout the whole school and to promote a positive environment to enable them to access their education. The post requires an individual who is able to work as part of a team, support class teachers, and manage students in a 1:1, small group and whole class setting. The successful candidate will be able to establish excellent relationships with students, many of whom face significant barriers to their

education.

You will enjoy support and guidance from a friendly team who work together and aim to give the best possible educational experience for their students.

The post is very rewarding and is ideal for people who have SEND experience and who are looking to take their next step. The post would also be perfect for someone wishing to extend their school experience with a view to training as a teacher. The school is known to promote within and to encourage teaching assistants to train to become teachers through the Ashlawn Teaching School. The Transforming Lives Educational Trust is growing and there is great opportunity for progression.

If you are a passionate Teaching Assistant with knowledge and experience of supporting children and young people, please apply now to be considered for an interview.

About the LDD Team

The Learning Development Department is the base at Ashlawn for the co-ordination of provision for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) works alongside the Head of the Learning Development Department to arrange and deploy provision, including the allocation of Teaching Assistants to support students in lessons.

Our aim is to enable all students to achieve their potential academically and personally, regardless of ability or disability. We aim to increase whole school and community awareness of the importance of quality and equality of opportunity for all students and are committed to providing an integrated and inclusive curriculum to meet individual needs, promoting positive achievement and independence for all.

Why work for Ashlawn?

- A large bi-lateral school committed to supporting all members of the school community to succeed
- You'll be working within a community of passionate, committed colleagues who genuinely support each other
A staff wellbeing team implements various strategies to boost staff engagement including various activities, events, conferences, and many other staff benefits
- Excellent opportunities to develop and grow in the successful and expanding Transforming Lives Educational Trust, a growing Multi-academy Trust based within the local community
- To be part of an 11-18 provision with opportunities to teach in the sixth form

What next?

We want to hear from you if you are as excited as we are about this fresh opportunity within our successful and growing Trust. In return, we can offer the right candidate the chance to work within our innovative and forward-thinking Trust as well as offering excellent professional development and progression.

We encourage you to consider the information in this pack carefully and use it to picture yourself within the role at Ashlawn. Should you wish to discuss any element of the pack in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to receiving your application.

How to Visit & Apply

Please read the information in this pack. If you are interested in this job opportunity, please apply by downloading the application form from our website [website \(www.tlet.org.uk\)](http://www.tlet.org.uk). Completed application forms should be emailed to careers@tlet.org.uk or posted to:

HR Department (Careers)
c/o Houlton School
Signal Drive
Houlton
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV23 1ED

If you have any questions about the role or would like to visit Transforming Lives Educational Trust or one of our Academies, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing careers@tlet.org.uk or selecting option 1 on our telephone menu – 01788 593900.

If you decide to apply you should include a supporting statement with your application form (either in the application or as a covering letter) on no more than two sides of A4, giving your reasons for applying for the post, addressing information you have read in the pack and particularly the person specification, and outline any relevant experience and personal qualities you would bring to the Trust.

Please do not send a general letter; we are really looking for someone who is prepared to respond to us as an individual Trust. You can be sure that we will take time and care in reading your letter; we appreciate how much time and energy goes into writing it.

**Timeline may be subject to change*

Recruitment Timeline*	
Ongoing	Position advertised
Ongoing	Closing date for applications (9am)
TBC	Final Shortlisting and contact with candidates References will be requested at this stage
TBC	Final Panel Process

Job Description

Location:	Learning Development Department
Job Title:	Teaching Assistant Level 2
Salary:	NJC07 (£22,369.00 FTE) - NJC11 (£24,054.00 FTE) Pro Rata. Actual salary: £14,974.00 - £16,102.00 30 hours per week Term time + 3 days
Contract:	Permanent
Start date:	March 2023
Responsible to:	Head of Faculty/Lead Teaching Assistant
Responsible for:	Supporting students with special educational needs
Key relationships:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lead TA and Head of Faculty ● Teachers ● Students
Job purpose:	To support students with special educational needs to develop their independence and access learning within the classroom.

MAIN ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teaching Assistants make the education of their students their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. Teaching Assistants act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teaching assistants up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with others in the best interests of their students.

The postholder is accountable for:

- Promoting inclusion and acceptance of all students, encouraging them to interact and work cooperatively and engage in learning;
- Promoting independence and development of self-esteem;
- Assisting in the personal, social, emotional development of students and development of self-esteem;
- Assisting with the development and implementation of Pupil Support plans;
- Using specialist skills/knowledge/training to provide support in specialist areas;
- Working with students with complex special needs, monitoring and providing for general care, safety and welfare, including tasks connected with their social inclusion and providing for their personal, physical and health care needs;
- Encouraging and reinforcing positive interactions between students working within any behaviour targets set;
- Monitoring individual/group achievements of key objectives and provide feedback to the teacher;
- Having an up-to-date understanding of the role and responsibilities of a level 2 post;
- Contributing to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school;
- Establishing constructive relationships and communication with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher.

Support for pupils:

- Delivering planned activities to larger groups of students following appropriate training and provision of resources;
- Supporting the preparation of and follow-up for educational visits and assist with their supervision, in accordance with an appropriate risk assessment and guidance;
- Helping students to develop communication skills, regulate their emotions and take responsibility for their actions;
- Identifying and reporting uncharacteristic behaviour patterns;
- Assisting with student supervision on trips off the premises, under overall guidance of the teacher;

Support to teacher:

- Assisting with lesson/activity planning, delivery and evaluation;

- In liaison with teaching staff, plan, prepare and deliver the support needed, developing strategies to achieving positive behavioural outcomes;
- Ensure students receive regular and constructive feedback with regards to their progress;
- Recording information relevant to assessment and review of students' progress
- Attending Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) review meetings;
- Support teaching staff with appropriate strategies when dealing with behaviour;
- Undertaking routine and non-routine administrative tasks;
- Liaising with parents/carers, specialist teachers and other professional staff, share and provide information;

Support to the school:

- Understanding and complying with policies and procedures;
- Being aware of and support difference and ensure all students have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop;
- Liaising effectively with parents/carers, participating in feedback sessions/meetings;
- Attending and participating in regular meetings and in training and other learning activities as required;
- Managing First Aid resources and administration of medicines (where appropriate) and First Aid (if applicable to the student you support)

Other duties and responsibilities of a Teaching Assistant:

Carry out other duties that the Principal and/or line manager may reasonably request. Transforming Lives Educational Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An Enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for all staff within the Trust.

This job description sets out the duties and responsibilities of the post at the time it was drawn up.

Such duties and responsibilities may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people. The post holder has an implicit duty to promote the welfare of all children and young people.

Person Specification

Job Title:	Teaching Assistant Level 2
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Reports to:	Head of Faculty/Lead Teaching Assistant
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The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people. The post holder has an implicit duty to promote the welfare of all staff, children and young people and to be committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.

SPECIFICATION	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications/ Training	Maths & English GCSE 4 (C) or above Level 2 Teaching Assistant qualification or relevant qualification in working with children	Training in child protection and safeguarding First aid Manual handling Fire awareness
Experience	Experience of working with young people in a relevant professional environment (education, youth, health, social work) Experience of providing individual support to children/young people Experience of working on own initiative and making decisions	Experience of working in an education setting (desirable) Experience working with Phonics and/or the Read, Write Inc Fresh Start Programme or willingness to train
Knowledge/Skills (Ability to)	Evidence of understanding young people's emotional and educational needs Knowledge of behaviour management strategies Excellent numeracy and literacy skills Effective verbal and written communication skills Good time management skills Ability to handle sensitive and confidential information and issues appropriately. Ability to work independently and as part of a team Ability to take responsibility and work with autonomy within set boundaries To establish good working relationships at all levels – students, teachers, senior management, board of trustees etc. Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek CPD	Working knowledge of relevant policies / procedures / codes of practice / legislation, including Data Protection and Child Protection A good working knowledge of computer software packages including Microsoft Word, Excel and Google Workspace.
Personal Qualities	Calm Confident Flexible Reliable Professional and confident	

All posts within TLET are subject to pre-employment and vetting checks, including reference checking and enhanced disclosures checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

