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# SENDCo Candidate Information Pack

Noel-Baker Academy

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**Role: SENDCo**

**Salary: Leadership 6-10**

**Location: Noel-Baker Academy Derby**

**Contract Type: Full-time**

**Contract Term: Permanent**

**Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Shortlisting Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Interview Date: Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**Start Date: September 2024**

### **The Opportunity:**

Would you like to work in a school where “pupils thrive,” where there is an “excitement about learning,” where “conduct is exemplary” and where “high expectations are set by staff and pupils live up to them”? (Ofsted February 2022).

If so, we are seeking to appoint two qualified, extraordinary SENDCo’S with a passion for ensuring that all children have access to a high-quality curriculum and the support they need. The successful candidate will be a tireless advocate for those children who face challenges in accessing the curriculum.

We recognise that in recent times the number of children experiencing barriers to their learning has increased. As a consequence of this, the role of SENDCo in schools has widened and become increasingly more pressurised. In recognition of this we are seeking to appoint two qualified SENDCOs to work together to secure the very best outcomes for our young people. If you believe that all children, no matter their background, needs or aptitudes are entitled to learn the best that has been thought and said, we would encourage you to apply for one of these roles.

We welcome applications from recently qualified and experienced SENCOS.

### **The Academy:**

#### **Noel-Baker Academy**

At Noel-Baker Academy everything we do is underpinned by our passionate belief that outstanding schooling is the right of every child, and a determination that such a vision is achievable. We believe that our students are entitled to the same breadth and depth of provision as any student attending any of the best schools in the country. This is a vision shared with the LEAD Academy Trust, of which we are a part. We are on a journey towards excellence and that with persistent effort, hard work and patience amazing things can and will be achieved for and by our young people.



We believe in and aspire to provide an inclusive education for all. That is, high expectations of and for all pupils, an insistence on excellent behaviour, equal access to an academically rigorous curriculum taught by highly skilled subject specialists and a sharp focus on high value enrichment opportunities that will enable all students to excel. We will never accept that family background, socio-economic circumstances or prior attainment will inevitably limit young people's potential and so the profile of our intake will always be a reason for our provision, and never an excuse for our outcomes.

Our students are entitled to the very best of what has thought, said and written and we are unapologetically ambitious for every student, no matter what their background, prior attainment or needs.

This vision is underpinned by a wider set of core principles.

**Lead (to show the way; to be first or foremost):**

- We are compassionate, considerate and kind.
- We welcome and value all members of our community and expect all members of our community to work with us to play an active part in our children's education.
- We encourage each other, and we celebrate our successes.

**Empower (to give power to; to enable):**

"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul"

William Ernest Henley (1849-1902)

- We teach our students to take responsibility for themselves.
- We insist on excellent behaviour and learning habits.
- We know that factual knowledge is a prerequisite for deep understanding: that the more you know, the more you are able to learn and understand.
- We have an unrelenting focus on hard work, commitment and perseverance.

**Achieve (to accomplish; to get or attain by effort):**

- We believe that all children are entitled to learn "the best that has been thought and said," and that our students are the inheritors of the greatest ideas, written texts and discoveries of the past.
- Our purpose is to provide a rich education that will allow our students to achieve excellent qualifications and become thoughtful, educated and well-rounded young adults.

**Drive (to cause and guide progress; to impel forward):**

- We know that success takes hard work.
- We know that effort, practice and revision develop expertise and intelligence

Our Academy is a warm and friendly place to work. We value our staff and believe that we are starting out on a journey that will transform our school and the lives of our pupils for the better.

If you want to be part of a team of people who are working together to achieve a shared vision, where you are free to teach "the best that has been thought and said," where classroom practice is



underpinned by research informed pedagogical approaches and where you will be part of building a unashamedly academic and disciplined culture then we want to hear from you.

We are now at the next stage of our adventure to becoming extraordinary.

We are looking for people who want to **LEAD**, **EMPOWER**, **ACHIEVE** and **DRIVE** our transformation.

**We are looking for someone who:**

- Loves their subject and area of expertise, has excellent subject knowledge and who wants to contribute to the development of an expertly sequenced knowledge rich curriculum built to rival the best in the country.
- Is an ambitious practitioner and who wants to make a real impact on further driving up standards.
- Is keen to play a key role in developing our whole ethos and who is fully aligned to our vision.
- Is personable, pragmatic and can energise and motivate students and colleagues alike.
- Has the highest expectations of what all students can and will achieve.
- Is committed to working as a part of a whole school team.

**In return, the successful candidate will work in a school where:**

- There are clear classroom routines, so time is not wasted
- There is a focus on feedback, not time-consuming marking
- There is a focus on student learning, not data input
- There is a centralised support team who, along with senior leaders, manage student conduct
- Curriculum area staff plan and work together
- Teachers are free to teach knowledge – “the best that has been thought and said”
- Staff are valued as professionals and experts in their field
- Weekly CPD time is built in to the directed time calendar to allow all staff to partake in educational research, subject knowledge development and deliberate practice of pedagogical approaches.

We encourage interested parties to visit the academy website [www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk](http://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk) and to arrange an informal visit to the academy prior to applying.

**Arrange a visit:**

Visits to the school are recommended and warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit please contact Debbie Broadhurst, PA to the Headteacher at [debbiebroadhurst@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:debbiebroadhurst@noelbakeracademy.co.uk)



### **Selection Process:**

Shortlisted candidates will be required to teach a lesson, take part in a formal interview and complete a written task.

When planning for this, please consider the guidance below.

### **The Task:**

Exact details of the task will be provided pre-interview. In preparing for this aspect of the recruitment process we strongly advise candidates to consider what recent educational research they have read and how this has impacted on their practice.

### **The lesson:**

We will be looking for:

- teaching that engages and includes all students with work that is challenging enough and that meets the students' needs;
- teachers who command the respect of their classes, set out clear expectations for students' behaviour and, where appropriate, start and finish lessons on time and manage teaching resources effectively;
- responses from students within the lesson that demonstrate sufficient gains in their knowledge, skills and understanding; including literacy and mathematics;
- teachers who monitor students' responses in lessons and adapt their approach accordingly;
- teachers that seek to assess the effectiveness of their own teaching and adapt accordingly;
- teachers who give the necessary attention to the most able, those with special educational needs, low-attaining students or those who struggle at school in their education.

Details of the class and the duration of the lesson will be provided pre-interview.

A projector and white board will be available. The class will be set out in rows, students will have their exercise books. If you require anything further please let us know in advance.



## **Person Specification:**

### **Qualifications and experience**

- Qualified teacher with QTS or recognised equivalent
- Teaching experience within the age range and/or subjects applying for (NQT status may also be relevant)
- SENDCo qualification

### **Domain One: qualities and knowledge**

- Creates a stimulating and safe learning environment.
- Establishes and maintain a purposeful working atmosphere.
- Plans, prepares and delivers the curriculum as relevant to the age and ability group/subjects taught
- Assesses and records the progress of pupils/students' learning to inform next steps and monitor progress.
- Demonstrates optimistic personal behaviour, positive relationships and attitudes towards all members of the school community.
- Demonstrates a commitment to equal opportunities and uses a variety of strategies and practices to promote inclusion in the classroom.
- Teaches using appropriate strategies to maximise achievement for all children including those with special educational needs.
- Encourages children in developing self-esteem and respect for others.
- Communicates to a range of audiences (verbal, written, using ICT as appropriate).
- Demonstrates current knowledge and understanding of national and local education issues especially in relation to SEND and Inclusion.
- Contributes to a culture of collaborative working to develop professional practice.

### **Domain Two: pupils and staff**

- Develops in pupils/students a love of learning and a sense of inner confidence and self-belief that enables them to achieve high standards, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality.
- Promotes a classroom environment that is inclusive, values the success and sense of wellbeing of each pupil/student, focused on safeguarding and developing their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and exemplary behaviour.
- Demonstrates continuous self-directed development.

### **Domain Three: systems and process**

- Would be able to build upon current academy improvement plans and develop the systems, polices and processes within Inclusion.

### **Domain Four: the self-improving school system**

- Seeks opportunities to invite parents, carers, community figures and other organisations into classrooms to enhance learning.
- Demonstrates entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to classroom improvement.



### **Personal qualities**

- Passionate about education
- Approachable, enthusiastic and creative
- Leads by example, demonstrating integrity, resilience and clarity
- Committed to the L.E.A.D. principles and the academy vision
- Ambitious for self, colleagues and students



## L.E.A.D. Academy Trust

L.E.A.D. Academy Trust comprises of twenty six academies across Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Lincoln and Sheffield. Our philosophy is to; lead, empower, achieve and drive.

At the heart of our Trust is the development of outstanding leaders. We empower individuals in our schools to provide the highest quality education, enabling every pupil to realise their full potential. We have also been recognised by Ofsted as a leading academy sponsor, securing rapid and sustainable improvement through the research and application of best practice across operational areas.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management underpinned by shared vision, values and best practice positions L.E.A.D. as a truly unique Academy Trust.

To view our 'L.E.A.D. Family Brochure' please visit:

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## Our Leaders

One of the core priorities for the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust is the development of outstanding school leaders. We are dedicated to providing an organisation which will:

- develop inspirational school leaders for the future through high quality recruitment, professional development and coaching;
- invest in joint training, peer coaching, sharing good practice and professional dialogue in a climate of trust;
- continually improve, exploring new ways of working, alternative curriculums and innovation;
- strategically plan to produce the next generation of high quality school leaders.

### The L.E.A.D. Teaching School Alliance

The L.E.A.D. Teaching School Alliance is a dynamic, cross-phase collaboration of schools committed to harnessing, nurturing and sharing the specific skills and attributes required to teach and lead in areas with diverse pupil populations. Everything we do in our schools is about providing children with an outstanding, broad and balanced education.

Our innovative Initial Teaching Training (ITT) route aims to increase the number of quality teachers in our schools. In addition, we offer a range of high quality Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for staff at all levels and tailored school-to-school support. We are keen to nurture and grow staff across our alliance and offer a range of opportunities to develop the leaders of tomorrow. By working in partnership with The University of Nottingham and other regional Universities, we are also creating a research culture within our alliance that will impact positively on teaching, learning and the achievement of young people.





## Our Support

We provide a range of high quality, professional services to schools in nine core areas:

**Financial Management**

**Project Management**

**Procurement**

**ICT Management**

**Human Resources**

**Leadership Development**

**Legal Support**

**Governor Support**

**Education**





## How to Apply

Please send a completed application form and covering letter:  
[vacancies@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@noelbakeracademy.co.uk)

**Closing Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt therefore shortlisted candidates may be contracted in advance of the closing date.

The L.E.A.D. Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we can expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.



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