

Job Description for Music Support Practitioner (MSP)

Purpose of the post : To join our pool of MSPs who support our instrumental teachers in their delivery of whole class instrumental teaching. Rate of pay £19 per 90-minute session

Duties and Responsibilities :

- Prepare the teaching room so that the deliverer can make a prompt start to the session
- Prepare the instruments so they are ready to be played
- Be able to lead an independent melody in a part-song
- Have an understanding of basic instrument maintenance e.g. viability of woodwind reeds or applying valve oil to brass instruments
- Be able to tune the instruments you are working with
- Be able to operate equipment and resources for the instrumental teacher
- Liaise with the class teacher to take a class register and make a note of those who forget instruments. This information will need to be communicated to the Music Partnership office on a regular basis
- Support children who are struggling with their instrument or finding it difficult to engage with the lesson
- Return information about instrument serial numbers to the Music Partnership office at the start and end of the year
- Liaise with the Music Partnership Office about additional/replacement instruments, accessories, achievement badges and concert programmes

SKILLS

Requirement	Essential/ Desirable	Measurements
Good communication skills, both written and oral	Essential	Application and Interview
Good interpersonal skills with the ability and experience to enthuse and motivate others	Essential	Application and Interview
Confident user of ICT – especially spreadsheets	Essential	Application & interview
Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative	Essential	Application & interview
Ability to deal with challenging questions and situations	Essential	Application & interview

KNOWLEDGE

Requirement	Essential/ Desirable	Measurements
A good knowledge of the basic elements of music e.g. pitch, rhythm, notation, performing skills	Essential	Application & interview
Understanding of audio/visual operational techniques	Essential	Application & interview
An understanding of how to identify and respond to the musical needs of pupils	Essential	Application & interview

EXPERIENCE

Requirements	Essential/ Desirable	Measurements
Experience of playing a musical instrument or singing to at least grade 5 standard	Essential	Application
Recent experience of working with children and young people	Essential	Application
Experience of communicating effectively in a professional manner	Essential	Application & interview

QUALIFICATIONS

Requirements	Essential/ Desirable	Measurements
School qualifications from ages 16-18	Essential	Application & Documentary evidence
Grade 5 or above music exam	Essential	Application & Documentary evidence

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Requirements	Essential/ Desirable	Measurements
An understanding and awareness of Equal Opportunities issues	Essential	Application & interview

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	Essential/Desirable	Measurements
A willingness to participate in training and professional development	Essential	Application & interview
An understanding of Safeguarding issues relating to music education	Essential	Application & interview
Must be open to working non-consecutive e.g. you might have 30 week contracts for 3 hours on a Wednesday morning and 1 ½ hours on a Friday afternoon	Essential	Application & interview
Must be able to commit to working in the role for the full academic year	Essential	Interview
A full driving licence and use of a car	Desirable	Application and documentary evidence