

Job Description and Person Specification

Finance Administrator

Job Details	
Grade	Grade 4
Service	School
Location	Tiverton School
Hours	20 hours a week

Coventry City Council Values
<p>We expect everyone who works for us to be committed to our One Coventry values and to share our commitment to becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation:</p> <p>Open and fair: We are open, fair and transparent.</p> <p>Nurture and develop: We encourage a culture where everyone is supported to do and be the best they can be.</p> <p>Engage and empower: We engage with our residents and empower our employees to enable them to do the right thing.</p> <p>Create and innovate: We embrace new ways of working to continuously improve the services we offer.</p> <p>Own and be accountable: We work together to make the right decisions and deliver the best services for our residents.</p> <p>Value and respect: We put diversity and inclusion at the heart of all we do.</p>

Job Purpose
<p>To support the efficient running of the school's finance and Health & Safety systems. Ensuring records, financial processes and staff documentation are maintained accurately and in line with school, Local Authority and statutory requirements.</p>

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Finance

- Use the school's Financial Management System (FMS) to process orders, receive and receipt goods, and enter delivery notes, ensuring that appropriate controls and procedures are followed. Provide guidance to staff on correct procurement processes and obtaining Value for Money (VFM).
- Raise purchase orders, ensuring the correct ledger / VAT codes and procedures are used in compliance with the Schools Financial Handbook as required by the Department for Education.
- Liaise with staff regarding order requests.
- Chase suppliers to ensure the timely progress and delivery of orders.
- Process invoices, including supplier invoices and staff reimbursements.
- Manage and record BACS runs for all payments through the FMS system, ensuring they are authorised and signed by two signatories in accordance with school guidelines.
- Maintain stock records for office supplies and a range of classroom materials.
- Undertake cash handling duties, including petty cash, in accordance with agreed procedures. Ensure cash is checked, receipted, balanced, stored securely, and prepared for banking promptly and efficiently.
- Complete all required month-end financial checks/ reports inc VAT and sent to LA.
- Prepare regular management accounts for budget holders.
- Complete the monthly salary download and resolve any issues that arise.
- Ensure appropriate financial and security controls are maintained for school bank accounts and cash held on site, including timely banking.
- Maintain and update the school's asset register.
- Support the School Business Manager (SBM) with year-end financial processes.
- Raise and process invoices for school income and proactively monitor and chase outstanding payments to ensure income is received in a timely manner.
- Balance the school credit card each month.
- Ensure the bank statements are balanced to the FSM system monthly.
- Ensure archiving of files is completed at the end of year and in line with the retention record/Policy.

Health & Safety Support

- Support the School Business Manager in monitoring Health & Safety procedures across the school.
- Review accident and incident reports on EVOLVE and ensure all relevant documentation is completed correctly.
- Ensure accident/incident letters are sent home to parents/carers when required.
- Raise any concerns or issues relating to Health & Safety with the School Business Manager.
- Assist with the creation and updating of risk assessments in collaboration with the school's Health & Safety advisor and School Business Manager.
- Maintain and update Health & Safety records and documentation.
- Produce monthly reports summarising accidents and incidents for the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
- Support the school in maintaining compliance with Health & Safety policies and procedures.
- To participate in the school's Health and Safety Committee, contributing to discussions and actions to support a safe school environment.
- To deliver the existing Health and Safety induction to all new staff.
- Record and report all staff and specific pupil incidents to the local authority reporting system.
- Report from EVOLVE any staff related accidents or incidents using Local Authority reporting system

Whole School Administration

- Work as part of the administrative team, providing cover for colleagues during periods of absence where appropriate.
- Welcome parents and visitors to the school, ensuring safeguarding and signing-in procedures are followed and reception duties are carried out in line with security requirements.
- Provide administrative support to the School Business Manager, Headteacher, and Leadership Team, including managing appointments and filtering telephone calls.
- Deal with confidential enquiries and correspondence on own initiative and process them appropriately.
- Ensure office equipment is maintained in good working order and liaise with external providers regarding repairs and replacements.

Key Relationships			
External:	Parents, Visitors	Internal:	Staff

Standard Information
<p>Post holders will be accountable for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and the City Council’s Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Policies. Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines. • attending any training and undertake any development activities that are identified as mandatory/beneficial to their role. • any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.

Person Specification	
Requirements	
Knowledge	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of financial procedures and controls. • Knowledge of data protection and confidentiality requirements. • Awareness of safeguarding responsibilities within a school environment. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the Schools Financial Handbook. • Understanding of school administrative and financial systems. • Awareness of health and safety procedures in a workplace.

<p>Skills And Ability</p>	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent administrative and organisational skills. • Ability to manage multiple tasks and prioritise workload effectively. • Strong numeracy and attention to detail, particularly when working with financial information. • Good IT skills, including Microsoft Office and management information systems. • Ability to communicate effectively with staff, parents, and external organisations. • Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information appropriately. • Ability to work both independently and as part of a team. <p>Personal Qualities</p> <p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional, reliable and approachable manner. • Strong attention to detail and accuracy. • Ability to work calmly under pressure and meet deadlines. • Flexible and willing to support the wider school team when required. • Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. • Commitment to equal opportunities and inclusive practice.
<p>Experience</p>	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in an administrative or finance role. • Experience of processing financial transactions such as orders, invoices, and payments. • Experience of using computerised systems and databases. • Experience of working with confidential information. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in a school or education setting. • Experience using Financial Management Systems (FMS). • Experience of maintaining records such as Single Central Record (SCR)
<p>Qualification</p>	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good standard of education including GCSE (or equivalent) in English and Mathematics. • Relevant administration, finance or business qualification or equivalent experience. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification or training in school finance, administration, or HR. • Training in Safeguarding, Data Protection or Health and Safety.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)			
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Declaration			
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