

Job Description

Vacancy Reference No:**Job Title:** Learning Mentor/Family Support Worker**Job Number:****Directorate:** Coventry City Council**Post Number:****Service:** Services for Schools**Grade: 5**

Job Purpose

Under the guidance and supervision of senior staff:

1. To provide a complementary service to that provided by teachers and pastoral staff in order to address the needs of pupils, who need help and support to overcome barriers to learning, both inside and outside school to achieve to their full potential.
2. To contribute to raising standards of attainment, improving attendance, reducing exclusions and maintaining good standards of behaviour
3. On behalf of the school, to help manage and organise the work of Attendance, Transition and Lunchtime Play Provision etc, including relevant staff and any associated budget

Duties and Responsibilities

- 1 Develop positive one to one mentoring relationships with pupils identified as needing support.
- 2 Work collaboratively with teachers, pastoral staff, SENCOs, education welfare officers and other agencies to identify pupils with barriers to learning and at risk of disaffection in order to ensure that these receive support.
- 3 Devise, implement and evaluate individual pupil action plans for pupils identified as needing support, working with teachers and other staff, including, where appropriate, the Gifted and Talented and Tailored Strand Co-ordinators.
- 4 Establish and maintain home/school liaison with the families / carers of pupils receiving support in order to keep them informed about pupils' needs and progress and to secure positive family / carer involvement and support.
- 5 Establish good relationships and work closely with other agencies who may also be involved in supporting a targeted pupil - e.g. Behaviour Support, Child Guidance, Business Mentors, and Voluntary Mentors - so that the needs of the pupil concerned are met in a focused and integrated way.

- 6 Develop a full understanding and knowledge of the range of agencies and activities, which can be drawn upon to support vulnerable pupils.
- 7 Promote efficient and effective transfer of pupil information at points of transition and to support pupils during transition in line with policy and practice.
- 8 Encourage positive attitudes to pupils receiving support and a shared understanding of their needs within the School.
- 9 Network with Learning Mentors in other Schools to ensure identification and dissemination of best practice.
- 10 Liaise and meet regularly with the Home School Liaison Officer, to report and discuss progress and activity on Attendance and Transition, Vulnerable children and lunchtime provision and to take appropriate action as agreed.
- 11 Attend regular team briefings on Attendance and Lunchtime Provision for Learning Mentors and/or other relevant staff when required.
- 12 Support the school's monitoring and evaluation procedures with regard to Attendance and Vulnerable Children working with relevant staff
- 13 Support Action Plans as required on Attendance in line with the School Improvement Plan and to co-ordinate implementation within own area and with relevant staff
- 14 Contribute to reports for Senior Leadership Team and Governors.
- 15 Any other duties and responsibilities within the range for the salary grade.

All staff are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the safety and welfare of children and young people.

All duties and responsibilities must be carried out with due regard to the City Council's Health and Safety Policy.

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to the City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Duties which include processing of any personal data, must be undertaken within the corporate Data Protection Guidelines (Data Protection Act 1998)

Responsible to: Head Teacher

Date Reviewed: April 2019

Person Specification

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Department/Directorate:	Coventry City Council	Post Number:
Division/Section/Group/Team:	Services For Schools	Grade:
Location:	Templars Primary School	

	Job Requirements
Knowledge:	• An understanding of the challenges facing young people from a disadvantaged community • An understanding of mentoring relationships with disadvantaged children • An understanding of the range of agencies and activities that provide support to vulnerable pupils • An understanding of Early Help Framework • A working knowledge of policies and codes of practice in areas specific to the post • An understanding of relevant legislation in relation to the post • A working knowledge of national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes • A working knowledge of literacy and numeracy strategies

Skills and Abilities:	• To devise and implement action plans for individual pupils • Very good verbal and written communication skills in face to face situations and group work, the production of accurate records, draft action plans and by contributing to reports for senior management team and governors. • To engage constructively with, and relate to, a range of young people who may be disaffected from school or disengaged from the learning process, and with their families and carers • To identify and set targets for the development for individual pupils • To work effectively with teachers and senior managers within the school • To work effectively and network with a wide range of support services • To develop productive and supportive relationships with young people • Good IT skills including the ability to utilise word processing, power point outlook, the Internet, the school IT system and other packages as appropriate • To work independently with minimum supervision but also as part of a team • To evaluate own learning needs • To prioritise own workload and meet deadlines/targets as necessary • Supervisory skills – to effectively organise team workloads, staff development and support staff welfare within the team. • Presentation skills and the ability to support the delivery of strategy
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Experience:	• Some supervisory experience • A minimum of 1 year working as a Learning Mentor or equivalent experience in a related area, such as education, youth work, health and social work. • Evidence of supporting Literacy and/or Numeracy provision • Individual support for children and young people
Educational:	• A relevant qualification in working with children at NVQ3 Level or above or evidence of equivalent experience in a professional environment • Evidence of training and development undertaken with regard to the role of Learning Mentor
Special Requirements:	• Valid driving license, where appropriate. • The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. • This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation Offenders Act 1974. A Criminal Record Disclosure will be required prior to appointment.

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