Varna Community Primary School

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Advertisement

Job Description – SEND Class teacher – informal Alternative Provision Classroom

Salary: Main Pay Scale / Upper Pay Scale (dependent on experience) plus SEN1 allowance
Contract: Full time, permanent
Reporting to: Headteacher / SENDCo / Deputy Headteacher

About Varna Community Primary School

Situated close to Manchester City Centre, Varna Community Primary School is a diverse, vibrant and oversubscribed two-form entry primary school where we truly care about each other and our community. We are proud of our dynamic, inspirational and highly committed staff team who work together to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupils.

As a Rights Respecting School, we have high expectations and strong aspirations for both children and staff, underpinned by a shared determination to ensure all pupils achieve at the highest possible standards. Our broad and engaging curriculum is enriched by a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, allowing pupils to develop their talents, confidence and enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom.

Our pupils, parents, staff and supportive Governing Body work in genuine partnership to create a positive learning culture where everyone is encouraged to succeed. We are passionate about providing the best possible education for our pupils — and we are equally committed to supporting our staff to grow and thrive professionally as part of that journey.

The Role

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced SEND teacher who demonstrates a clear understanding of highly effective teaching practice and has the ambition to make a meaningful contribution to our school community.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a genuine passion for teaching and takes pride in their professional practice
- Works effectively as part of a team and values collaboration to promote excellence across the whole school
- Is highly motivated and committed to achieving the very best outcomes for all pupils
- Demonstrates strong organisational skills and embraces challenge positively
- Uses their individual strengths to enhance teaching and learning experiences
- Shows a strong commitment to inclusive education and meeting the needs of all learners
- Builds positive relationships with parents, carers and external agencies
- Is willing to play a full and active part in the wider life of the school

At Varna Community Primary School we can offer you:

- Highly motivated, well-behaved pupils who enjoy learning and coming to school
- A culturally rich and diverse school community with supportive and engaged families
- A broad and varied extra-curricular programme that enriches pupil experience
- A strong and dedicated staff team who support one another
- A positive and supportive working environment with a clear commitment to continuous school improvement
- A warm, welcoming school with excellent outdoor learning spaces

Your Wellbeing and Professional Development Matter to Us

At Varna, we actively encourage staff to engage in meaningful professional development and leadership opportunities, fully supported by both the Governing Body and our Senior Leadership Team. We offer:

- A large, well-trained team of Learning Support Assistants to support high-quality teaching and targeted interventions
- Fully funded CPD opportunities, including access to National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)
- Opportunities to engage in supported action research projects linked to EEF evidence and best practice
- Additional time allocation to support wider leadership or curriculum responsibilities
- Protected time within the school day for key meetings such as pupil progress reviews and moderation
- Access to an Employee Assistance Programme offering a wide range of health and wellbeing support services
- Clear expectations around communication, including limits on email and messaging beyond the school day and at weekends
- Understanding and support for significant family events

Safeguarding

Varna Community Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Online checks will be carried out for shortlisted candidates.

Visits

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.
Please contact **admin@varna.manchester.sch.uk** in the first instance to arrange an appointment.

The school closes for holidays on Friday 22nd May 2026 and will re-open Monday 1st June 2026

Closing date for applications is Friday 5th June 2026 at 12 noon.
Interviews Scheduled week commencing 15th June 2026

Please return a completed application form for the attention of Karen Livesey - Headteacher to applications@varna.manchester.sch.uk

Please see here for the school website and our Headteacher's welcome page:
https://www.varna.manchester.sch.uk/