



ST MARGARET'S PREP CALNE

St Margaret's Prep is a co-educational day school for 180 pupils based in Calne, Wiltshire. We share a beautiful 27-acre campus and facilities with St Mary's School, Calne and from September 2021 we will be opening our doors to our brand new class at St Margaret's Bluebird Nursery where children will be able to join us from the age of two to begin their school life in our safe and stimulating pre-school environment.

To support us with this exciting new nursery class we are seeking to recruit an experienced Teaching Assistant to join our professional and friendly team.

By adopting a holistic, family focused approach, our primary aim is to cultivate a positive home-school relationship where the whole child is embraced not just by Nursery staff but by each member of staff who will interact with the child. This means the child will feel confident to freely explore, test their independence away from their family and find their creativity. A caring and nurturing approach from our highly qualified staff, will ensure that each child thrives and develops a real joy of learning. Structured play and activities provide the foundation for reading, writing and number work and creative skills are nurtured and encouraged through painting, role-play and musical activity.

In addition to spending time in our light, airy, purpose-built classroom, the children are given time to put different skills to use in the linked outdoor learning area and by exploring the multitude of outdoor learning spaces.

The Teaching Assistant will work closely with all the staff in The Bluebird Nursery, but in particular with specific class teachers, Deputy Head (Pre-Prep & Prep), referring back to teachers about issues requiring professional judgement. They will support all areas of the curriculum both inside and outside the classroom including planning and delivering a wide range of activities across all areas of learning, preparation of any resources and recording observations for online assessments. The Teaching Assistant will be key in encouraging and enabling children to acquire appropriate and targeted degrees of independence through a range of strategies such as: supporting children to complete tasks both academic and physical, guiding through questioning, intervening to prevent frustration, repetition to help children process information, scribing or using voice activated technology.

The successful candidate will be qualified to NVQ Level 3 in a relevant subject and have demonstrable experience in working with young children (specifically two years). A friendly and approachable manner and the ability to work in a team are essential as is a caring approach to the children in their care.

This is a full-time position working 40 hours per week term time only (8am to 4pm Monday to Friday) however the flexibility to undertake additional hours in our breakfast, afterschool and holiday clubs would be advantageous.

Closing Date – 9am, Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Interview Date – 29th and 30th June 2021

Start Date – 1st September 2021