



**North East
Learning Trust**

Caretaker
Hermitage Academy
Applicant information pack

Caretaker

Grade 2 SCP 4 – 6
£18,933 - £19,698
37 hours per week

The North East Learning Trust are seeking to appoint inspiring and highly motivated Caretaker. This appointment will be based in Hermitage Academy where we have an exciting opportunity for you to join a school that is undergoing real change. The successful candidate will work in a team to maintain our school site and provide a welcoming and safe environment for the whole school community.

We can offer:

- a vibrant learning community with enthusiastic and engaging children
- a positive and caring ethos
- an excellent learning environment and resources
- a team of hardworking, dedicated and friendly staff where everyone is valued
- a supportive and effective governing body
- a clear commitment to continuing professional development and an investment in future career development

The successful candidate will:

- have a clear vision and understanding of the needs of a school.
- a good building services skill set to meet the changing needs of the school.
- the ability to undertake moving and handling of physical objects, dynamically risk assessing the weight to ensure safe working practises
- be flexible in their approach to work.
- work well as part of the team.
- support the wider aspects of school life.
- have ideas and a good sense of humour!

Deadline:

Closing Date: 14th October 2020

Interviews will be taking place week commencing 19th October 2020.

How to apply:

Application packs can be downloaded from the website.

Application forms should be completed demonstrating how you meet the criteria of the post and returned to samantha.lish@hermitageacademy.co.uk or by post to Samantha Lish, Hermitage Academy, Waldrige Lane, Chester-le-Street, DH2 3AD

Job description

Post title:	Caretaker
Responsible to:	Facilities Manager
Responsible for:	Maintenance and Health and Safety of the school
Salary Band:	Grade 2 SCP 4 – 6

JOB PURPOSE:

To assist the Facilities Manager with maintenance, security and facilities services across the whole school site. To ensure that the school is cleaned and maintained in line with the school's quality procedures and work programs in a safe and efficient manner.

Assisting with supervision of cleaners, in the absence of the cleaning supervisor, be responsible for supervising the cleaners, giving direction as appropriate including setting rotas. Other duties (but not exhaustive) will include routine testing, maintenance, ordering necessary supplies and stocks, handyperson activities, opening and securing the school as appropriate.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To ensure the school is well presented and maintained to a high standard and that the promotion of Health and Safety is enshrined in all activity.
- Ensure the site is accessible and ready for use at agreed times and that the security of the site is properly maintained.
- Advise the Facilities Manager of repair and maintenance issues, undertaking minor repairs and routine maintenance tasks as required.
- Keeping all school buildings and grounds secure, ensuring all reactive repairs are properly and promptly carried out and reported to the Facilities Manager
- Ensure that the heating system is operated and maintained in the approved manner.
- Operate and maintain all ancillary plant and equipment as appropriate.
- Ensure Health & Safety procedures are adhered to, carrying out relevant tasks to ensure compliance with due regard to self, students, staff and visitors, including contractors.
- Ensure that the external areas of the property are kept free of litter and debris, rubbish bins are emptied regularly, and main access routes are kept clear of debris, snow and ice, as necessary.
- Undertake a range of general portorage duties, ensuring goods, equipment, furniture and other items are transported around the property, as required.
- Ensure the site is accessible for community use and lettings, as directed by the Facilities Manager.
- Transport students in the school minibus, as required.
- Record meter readings.
- Ensure stocks levels of necessary facilities equipment are monitored and maintained.

- Supervision of the cleaning team in the absence of the cleaning supervisor, giving direction as appropriate including setting rotas, ordering necessary supplies and stocks.

General

- Provide cover and support to other NELT school sites, acting in a call-out and stand-by role from time to time.
- Build good working relationships with Students, staff, governors, parents and school visitors, volunteers and contractors.
- Returning to school between shifts.
- Working outside normal working hours as and when required.
- Keep up to date with training relevant for your role and school.
- To be a part of the NELT Premises Team

The duties and responsibilities highlighted in this Job Description are indicative and may vary over time. Post holders are expected to undertake other duties and responsibilities relevant to the nature, level and extent of the post and the grade has been established on this basis.

Health and Safety

It is the responsibility of individual employees at every level to take care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts at work. This includes co-operating with the Trust and colleagues in complying with health and safety obligations to maintain a safe environment and particularly by reporting promptly and defects, risks or potential hazards. Specifically:

- To report any incidents/accidents and near misses to your line manager
- To ensure own safety and safety of all others who may be affected by the Trust's business

Safeguarding

The Trust has a Child Safeguarding policy and procedure in place and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students, each student's welfare is of paramount importance to us and you are expected to share this commitment. All staff will fully comply with the Trust's policies and procedures, attend appropriate training, inform the Designated Person of any concerns, record any potential safeguarding incidents appropriately.

Person specification

	Essential	Desirable
Education/training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good basic literacy and numeracy • Knowledge of Health & Safety legislation relating to the role. • Practical knowledge of basic maintenance tasks. • MIDAS qualification (or willingness to undertake) • First Aid qualification (or willingness to undertake) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety qualification • General maintenance qualification
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience in a similar role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in an educational setting.
Aptitude and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of initiative to solve straightforward problems • Ability to work alone without supervision and as part of a team • Ability to follow instructions and achieve objective within set deadlines • Good interpersonal skills • Adaptable to change by adopting a flexible and cooperative approach • Ability to use a wide range of tools and equipment • Willingness to participate in development and training opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and promoting positive relationships within the wider school community
Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good timekeeping • An eye for detail • Proven ability to work flexibly • Resilient, tactful and diplomatic, even when under pressure. • Full clean driving licence 	

References:

Any relevant issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

DBS and pre-occupational health:

The North East Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure.

An enhanced DBS check and pre-occupational health check are an essential part of the selection and recruitment process.

Equal opportunities:

We are an equal opportunity employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applicants from all sections of the community.

Applications with disabilities will be granted an interview if the essential job criteria are met.