

Internal Advert – The post is restricted to current employees of Ad Astra Academy Trust

CHAMPION FOR NURSERY LANGUAGE PROJECT – TLR3 (£950 per annum) – INITIALLY UNTIL 31ST AUGUST 2022.

The Trust has recently been successful in securing funding to run an exciting communication and language project across all seven of our Nurseries over the next two academic years. The project is entitled “Improving speech, language and communication in Nursery to help children be school-ready.” As its name suggests, the aim of the project is to improve children’s speech, language and communication skills throughout their time in Nursery in order to get them off to a flying start in Reception. During recent years, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of children requiring referrals to speech and language services. As a Trust, we are hoping this project will help to reduce the number of children needing intervention.

The Trust is looking to recruit a Champion in each school who will drive the project forward with the enthusiasm, excitement and commitment it deserves starting 1st November 2021. The successful candidate **must currently be working in a Nursery setting** and will:

- Attend training sessions provided by the Trust
- Be able to disseminate training to other staff members within their own setting
- Be responsible for leading by example and ensuring training is implemented
- Lead, develop and enhance the practice of the staff within the setting
- Share good practice with other nurseries within the Trust

The successful candidate will:

- Have the opportunity to take a leading role in delivering an exciting project that has the potential to be rolled out on a wider scale beyond the Trust in the future
- Have opportunities to be involved in shaping the content of the project in order to ensure it meets the needs of all Nursery pupils
- Benefit from professional development and opportunities to network with other Nursery staff from across the Trust

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate that they are ready to take on the project and drive it forward within their setting and are asked to demonstrate their skills and experience that they will bring to the post. The successful candidate will need:

- Experience of teaching in Nursery
- To demonstrate the ability to lead by example and have high expectations of other staff in terms of following that example
- To demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of child development in speech, language and communication within a nursery setting
- Experience of coaching and/or mentoring staff

For an informal discussion about these positions please contact Philippa Kermotschuk, Deputy Lead for School improvement on 07787 416843.

Further details are available via the Ad Astra website site:

<http://www.adastraacademytrust.com/careers/>

Candidates are asked to express an interest in these positions, under confidential cover, to Philippa, via Philippa.kermotschuk@adastraacademytrust.com outlining how they meet the Person Specification.

Closing Date for expressions of interest – 9am on Friday 24th September.

Interviews to be held in the week commencing 4th October 2021.