



Job Description

POST TITLE:	Cover Supervisor
SCALE:	Grade C
HOURS:	31 hours per week, 39 weeks per year
RESPONSIBILITY TO:	Cover Manager
OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY:	Management and supervision of classes of students where the normal class teacher is absent as directed by the member of staff responsible for allocating cover.

PURPOSE:

- To cover for absent staff
- To cover for absent teachers delivering the work set by the member of staff or by the Faculty Leader
- To be a co-tutor/cover tutor as required
- To assist with the preparation of teaching resources liaising with the Faculty Leaders
- To carry out invigilation duties during examination periods.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES SEPCIFIC TO THIS POST:

Management of Teaching & Learning

- To manage and supervise classes of students where the normal class teacher is absent as directed by the member of staff responsible for allocating cover
- To present the work to students set by the absent teacher or the Faculty Leader, checking that all students are actively engaged in their learning throughout the lesson and are on task for the duration of the lesson
- To carry out such duties as are deemed reasonable within the management and supervision of classes to enable students to continue to learn effectively. This will include helping students with their work where it is pragmatic to do so and where it does not infringe Health & Safety Regulations, using relevant classroom management strategies to ensure a purposeful environment for teaching and learning to take place, taking registers and recording information related to student progress. It does not include teaching students new work as would be expected of a class teacher
- To give feedback by the end of the day to the appropriate Faculty Leader(s)
- To be a co-tutor and attend assemblies when required including reading out notices to the tutor group, leading activities that support learning and monitoring student attendance
- To do break or lunch time duties
- To invigilate examinations
- Take on other reasonable duties as directed by the Principal

Management of Resources

- To issue resources to students in line with the work set by the absent member of

staff or Faculty Leader and to ensure that these are used appropriately and not abused

- To ensure that all resources are accounted for at the end of each lesson
- To prepare teaching resources for the Faculty Leader in linked faculties as requested by the Faculty Leader including mounting displays and preparing teaching resources

Administration

- To support linked Faculty Leaders with administrative tasks, including filing of resources, photocopying, maintaining inventories and preparing displays of student work, when not covering for absent colleagues

Supporting the College

- To liaise, advise and consult with members of the team supporting students
- To attend relevant, appropriate Continuing Professional Development
- To implement the college's policies as set out in the Staff Handbook
- To respect the need for confidentiality both within and beyond the college
- To undertake other tasks as directed by the Principal which fall within the purview of the post
- To carry out such other duties and responsibilities as reasonably requested

This job description will be reviewed annually and may be subject to amendment or modification at any time after consultation with the post holder. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks but sets out the main expectations of the College in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.

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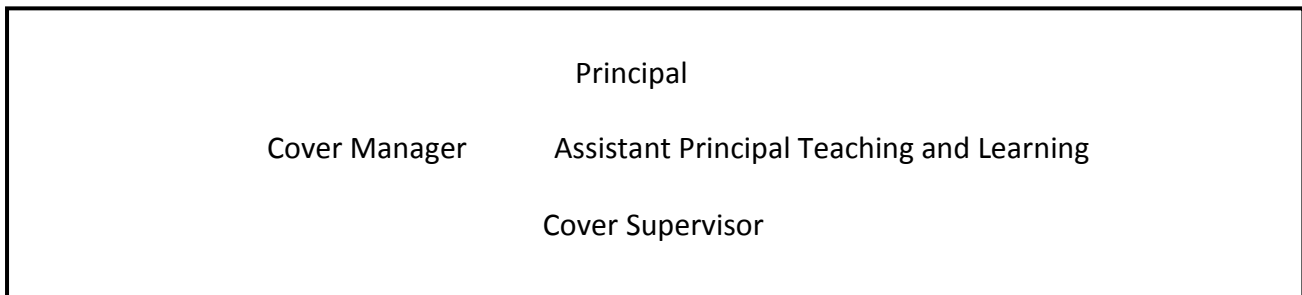
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ROLE PROFILE FORM

Section A

Role Profile Ref:	02008
Department/Section:	Education (schools)
Role Title:	Cover Supervisor
Reports To	Cover Manager / Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning
Role Purpose:	Under the professional direction of a teacher to supervise whole classes during the short term absence of a class teacher

Section B Organisation



Section C

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

Accountabilities	Accountability Statements	% of Time
Support for pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To supervise whole classes of pupils using material planned by a teacher to engage pupils in learning activities.• Establish productive working relationships with pupils acting as a role model and setting high expectations of work and behaviour.• Assisting the inclusion of all children to ensure optimum learning opportunities including dealing with behaviour issues in accordance with the school behaviour policy.• Respond to pupils' general queries and keep pupils on task.	
Support for teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide objective and accurate feedback to the teacher on the conduct of the lesson including keeping appropriate records as agreed with the teacher.• Comply with instructions requested by the usual class teacher.• Promote positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.	
Support for curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make appropriate use of equipment and resources.• Comply with lesson plans and instructions from class teacher.	
Support for the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, equal opportunities, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.• Undertaking playtime or lunchtime supervision of pupils.• In line with the operational needs of the school, undertake other duties (e.g. supervising examinations) when needed.• Participate in training and continuing professional development.• Attend relevant school meetings as required.	
Corporate and statutory initiatives - equalities/health and safety/e-government/sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain an awareness of school, national and statutory policies and requirements and apply these in the workplace.	

Section D -The key decision making areas in the role
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cover supervisor will deal with pupil behaviour and make judgements when to refer incidents to a senior member of staff/class teacher. • A cover supervisor will work without the close presence of a teacher. • A cover supervisor will be required to produce general feedback to the class teacher and keep records as appropriate – as such the postholder will decide on what feedback to give.
Section E - The role dimensions - financial (e.g. budgets) and non-financial (e.g. units, workload, customers/staff)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cover supervisor undertakes whole class or grouped class supervision in the absence of a class teacher. • There are no financial responsibilities attached to this post.
Section F - The main contacts – external/internal customer contacts and purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal (in school) – pupils, other colleagues, teachers, headteacher, members of governing body. • External (outside school) – (usually under the direction of the teacher) parents/carers.
Section G - Working conditions – environment, and physical effort or strain.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and classroom based learning environment (sometimes significantly constrained in terms of space/equipment/seating) – responsibility for maintaining calm. • May need to be skilled in restraint techniques for dealing with difficult children. • Expected to maintain behaviour management standards of children, some of whom can be especially challenging and difficult, and deal with racial/abusive language and bullying. • Health and Safety responsibility for self, children and area which is particularly demanding in a child-centred environment.
Section H - Context/additional information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the nature of the role, the postholder will need to adapt to different classes and groups of children and will therefore need to demonstrate flexibility. • It has a high confidentiality component and needs to hold the trust of both the pupils and colleagues. It may include acquiring information on child protection/family sensitive issues which must be treated carefully and appropriately. • The size and type of school will be a factor in determining how the role operates as will the physical site of the school.
PROGRESSION IN ROLE
Section J - Entry: Necessary role-related knowledge, skills and experience at selection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathy with pupils and sympathetic to their needs • Trained at least to NVQ3 standard • Minimum of 2 year’s relevant experience in a teaching/learning/child support working environment • Good literacy and numeracy skills • Good communication skills and able to clarify and explain instructions clearly • Professionally discrete and able to respect confidentiality on particular issues • Well developed interpersonal skills and sense of humour enabling effective relationships with a variety of different people • Team Worker

Section K – Initial induction/training required to become effective in the role

Estimated time to become operationally effective

Up to 3 months

- knowledge of school and school systems/policies
- understanding of curriculum, particularly literacy and numeracy requirements
- approach towards pupil discipline and behaviour
- relationship between and respective responsibilities of teacher and Cover Supervisor
- professional relationships between staff and pupils
- support from “mentor”
- manual handling skills
- developing health and safety knowledge
- independent working, supported by teacher, with whole classes of children

Section L – Operationally effective: How would effectiveness in role be demonstrated?

- Firm, sensitive and effective approach towards pupil discipline
- Good organisational ability
- Able to provide objective and accurate feedback to the teacher on the conduct of the lesson including keeping appropriate records
- Competent in working with group of pupils without direct supervision from the teacher
- Ability to apply knowledge and skills from training in practical classroom context
- Ability to motivate and encourage children appropriately
- Ability to work independently and with initiative
- Taking responsibility for whole class under the overall direction and during temporary absence of teacher
- Ability to establish and maintain good relationships and rapport with other colleagues in the school and external contacts (e.g. parents/carers, education psychologist, speech therapist)

Section M - Adding value: What characteristics will the advanced role holder demonstrate?

- Ability to work effectively and relatively independently without daily supervision
- Ability to adapt quickly and effectively to changing circumstances/situations.
- Ability to undertake training for other Cover Supervisors.