

## **FINANCE OFFICER**

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

| Reporting to:       | Business Manager   |
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| Grade:              | Bucks Pay Scale 4: 21-25. Full time (some flexibility can be offered on request, e.g. reduced hours/days/weeks)  |
| Role<br>Objectives: | Responsible for the financial administration of orders, goods received and stock control   |
|                     | Responsible for the daily management of the non-public funds, including ParentPay and the Waddesdon School Shop  |
|                     | Responsible for the financial and administrative support for school visits   |
|                     | Ensuring compliance with travel regulations and procedures   |
| Prescribed Duties:  | Main Responsibilities  |
| Duties:             | Procurement:   |
|                     | Orders / Stock   |
|                     | <ul> <li>Assist in ensuring the school applies best practices and highest standards of<br/>financial management, including ensuring that principles of Best Value are<br/>consistently applied and the finances are managed to maximise efficiency</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Ensure that the financial procedures of the school are adhered to and applied to all aspects of the financial management system  |
|                     | <ul> <li>Processing orders, invoices and payments. In accordance with financial regulations,<br/>ensure that orders are generated promptly once approved by the Business<br/>Manager, all goods received are checked and recorded, discrepancies/damage are<br/>reported promptly, invoices are reconciled to the order, and necessary price checks<br/>are made prior to authorisation and payment</li> </ul> |
|                     | Ensure that all cash and cheque income received is recorded and banked as soon as is reasonably possible   |
|                     | <ul> <li>Check and maintain stock of admin equipment, stationery and supplies, and staff<br/>catering provisions (complimentary tea and coffee)</li> </ul>   |
|                     | School Shop  |
|                     | Order/maintain stock for the school shop, updating the school shop platform as required, downloading sales and preparing orders for collection/distribution  |
|                     | Maintain record of stock ordered/taken   |
|                     | Calculate sale price of items (in liaison with the SBM)  |
|                     | Create new shop products   |

- Publish/unpublish shop items as required keeping shop up to date and uncluttered
- Pick, pack and distribute/make available for collection

## **Educational Trips & Visits/Voluntary Funds**

- Assist teaching staff and the Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) to plan and administer all necessary documentation pertaining to educational visits, maintaining records/electronic files, including administration of ParentPay
- Produce spreadsheets and reports showing analysis of various costs and information as required
- Responsible for the operation and maintenance of non-public funds, including the
  administration of the ParentPay platform in conjunction with the Business
  Manager. Pay in monies and cheques. Add/remove items as required, monitor
  income and update visit leader, send payment reminders to parents. Assist
  parents/carers with queries. Analysis of variances within the funds and regular
  reporting as necessary
- Preparation of annual visits financial report, reconciling all income and expenses for all trips and visits for each academic year
- Assist with statutory financial returns and audits
- Assist with operation and maintenance of public funds, including preparation of invoices and receipts where appropriate
- Maintain up to date filing system
- Prepare non-public funds for annual audit
- Issue new locker keys, ensure return at end of hire period, arrange cleaning and maintenance as required, maintain records of locker keys issued
- ParentPay: Add/remove items as required, monitor income and update staff, send payment reminders to parents, year-end procedures, bank cash/cheque income, assist parents/carers with queries

#### **Audit and Compliance**

- Monitor and control budget expenditure to ensure the efficient and effective deployment of resources
- Assist the School Business Manager and Financial/HR Officer with any audit requests. This entails, reports, samples, pre-payments of trip income and expenses. Accruals of income & expense

### **Additional Administrative Duties**

 Assist the LMT in other administrative duties and responsibilities commensurate with the level of responsibility of the role

#### **Skills**

- Strong understanding of financial principles and accounting practices
- Proficiency in financial software and systems
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skill
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience in a similar role, within education preferred

# **General Responsibilities**

- To work within school policies and procedures with an up-to-date understanding of Keeping Children Safe in Education and related Safeguarding, Child Protection and Code of Conduct requirements
- To contribute to the provision of a supportive, aspirational and effective environment for learning
- To support the promotion of positive relationships with parents and outside agencies
- To attend skill training and participate in personal/performance development as required
- To take care of their own and other people's health and safety
- To be aware of the confidential nature of issues and maintain confidentiality

In addition, other duties at no higher level of responsibility may be interchanged with/added to this list as required.