



St White's Primary School

Job Description: MDSA – Grade (2)

Responsible to: Head Teacher

Introduction

This job description may be amended at any time following discussion between the Headteacher and the staff body, and will be reviewed annually

MDSA role –

- Promote a 'Can Do' attitude for the pupils
- To support children in having an enjoyable experience while eating and outside
- To be an effective part of the lunchtime team
- To promote a happy and secure experience for all pupils at lunchtime
- To support the aims of the school as an inclusive culture by following all of the school's policy and procedures and encouraging participation of all pupils at lunchtime
- Promote calm conversations between children through own modelling
- Support pupils consistently while recognising and responding to their individual needs
- Model good table manners and reward children for good behaviour
- Assist children with cutting food where necessary and encouraging good use of cutlery
- Support pupils in resolving their conflicts through modelling, and supporting the school's restorative practice techniques
- Keep up to date with developments within the school by attending two lunchtime supervision team meetings each term
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures

Duties and Responsibilities

- Each Midday Supervisor will be allocated areas and children for whom they will be responsible each day.
- This could vary from week to week on a rota basis.
- Although the area will be divided so that each supervisory assistant looks after a specific group or area each day they must be prepared to accept a variation if any emergency calls another Midday Supervisor away.
- The main areas of work responsibility will be the dining areas and the outside or areas of the school used during the dinner break, including areas where the children wait or queue for their meal. Children should have a good standard of behaviour and it is important that this should be maintained throughout the dinner period which should be a pleasant experience for all concerned.
- The midday Supervisor must act as a responsible caring adult with the health, safety, welfare of the children always in mind, must show conduct which commands respect and must see that the children behave at all times sensibly and quietly.

- The Midday Supervisor must be aware of how to get access to the first aid equipment, radio and to the telephone, and understand the fire evacuation procedures in the event of it not being possible to contact the office, Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

- These will be allocated by the Headteacher in accordance with scheme of midday supervision for the school.
- Setting up chairs and tables at the start of lunch time, or cleaning and then clearing away chairs and tables at the end of lunch time depending on shift.
- Supervision of dining areas.
- Control queues to dining areas and ensuring that children receive the correct lunch which has been ordered.
- See that the overall arrangement for children to dine promotes an orderly and pleasant meals service.
- See that any spillage is removed quickly. Have an arrangement so that a floor cloth, dust-pan, and brush is readily accessible.
- See that trays are not left in dangerous positions, and are cleaned where necessary.
- To assist pupils, where necessary, with the proper use of cutlery, drinking facilities or other aspects of the midday meal.
- Encourage the pupils to leave the table clean.
- Ensure the dining areas are left clean and tidy.
- Aim to clear all dining areas of pupils every day where possible by 1:00pm.

Duties and Responsibilities - Supervision Of Outside Dining Areas

- Arrange your supervision so you move around amongst the children within the area you are covering.
- Ensure acceptable standards of behaviour are maintained.
- Try to avoid children hurting themselves.
- Once lunch has been eaten engage with the children in activities which promote healthy and active lifestyles.
- Regularly rotate activities on offer to the children.
- Promote the inclusion of all pupils.

Duties and Responsibilities – First Aid

- All mid-day supervisors are encouraged to undertake first aid training.
- Provide comfort and immediate care in case of minor accidents, and report serious incidents to the appropriate person for action.
- Deal with any immediate problems or emergencies in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.
- If not first-aid trained, if a pupil has an accident, summon assistance from a trained first-aid-er. If you are first-aid trained:
 - If a pupil has an accident, make an immediate assessment of their needs and summon help if required.
 - Provide basic first aid – cleaning wounds and covering, providing ice packs etc.

