

Bank/Relief Minibus Drivers

Required ASAP

Rate of Pay: NMW

Zero Hours

Longridge
Towers School



Longridge Towers School is seeking to recruit friendly, flexible and conscientious drivers to assist our existing team; working as and when required, to provide cover for holidays, sickness and other absences, as well as assist with day trips, airport runs, sporting fixtures, etc.

Our drivers work a variety of part-time hours, usually between the hours of 7am and 8pm, Monday to Friday, however school events do occasionally take place at the weekends. The School has a fleet of 17 seater minibuses which are used to transport our pupils to/from school as well as to extra-curricular activities. Applicants should have a D1 entitlement on their driving licence and be prepared to be MIDAS trained.

Experience of working with children is also preferable.

Previous similar experience is preferred, but full training will be given and a uniform is provided.

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

- Patient, pleasant, caring and professional manner;
- Ability to relate well with children of all ages;
- Flexible, reliable and trustworthy.
- Experience of driving;
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team as well as with minimum supervision;
- Experience of working with children would be advantageous;
- Experience of basic vehicle maintenance is desirable

APPLICATIONS

Further information and application forms are available on the school website or by email to vacancies@lts.org.uk. Due to Safer Recruitment in Schools, we cannot accept CV's. **A standard application form must be completed in full.**

SAFEGUARDING

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure and other safeguarding checks including checks with past employers.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Longridge Towers School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applicants regardless of age, gender, race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

OVERVIEW

School bus drivers follow scheduled routes ensuring passenger safety at all times. To be successful as a school bus driver you should enjoy working with children, have a pleasant and patient manner and have the ability to observe passenger transport regulations. The role of a driver at Longridge Towers School would suite individuals who have the availability and flexibility to work either in the mornings or late afternoon or both during school terms.

The role will involve collecting a minibus from the School between 6.30am and 8.00am (route dependent), picking up children at designated points and bringing them in to school at approximately 8.30am. In the evening, it would be to depart from the School at approximately 4.50pm, again dropping off pupils at designated points and returning the bus to the School between 5.30pm and 7.00pm (again route dependent).

Drivers need to be able to work flexibly and be prepared to change routes on occasion to cover holidays, sickness or other absences for the existing team. They also need to be available to transport pupils on various sporting fixtures, school trips or extra-curricular activities during the day, evening or at weekends.

The minibuses used are primarily seventeen-seater Ford Transits. Full training will be given and successful candidates will be required to complete Safeguarding and First Aid training as well as Minibus Awareness training. An enhanced DBS check is also required. Our drivers are an essential part in our education system and we value the contributions they make to our pupils and their families, as well as the smooth running of the School.

DUTIES

- To deliver an effective driving service to a range of users with a high level of customer care and passenger safety; being attentive to traffic and weather conditions;
- Following a planned route and schedule for departure times and stops;
- Reporting delays, accidents and emergencies;
- Responding to emergency and non-emergency situations;
- Enforcing conduct and safety rules on the bus;
- Inspecting the vehicle thoroughly before and after each trip;
- Carry out daily vehicle checks such as tyres, brakes, lights, etc reporting any maintenance issues immediately;
- Resolving minor maintenance issues and when necessary taking the vehicle to the local dealership, appropriate garage or tyre depot;
- Monitoring fuel consumption and re-fuelling as and when necessary;
- Ensuring the minibuses are kept clean and clear of any obstructions;
- To work closely with other members of staff to ensure the transport operation runs smoothly, safely and to a high standard;
- To work to the School policies in relation to safeguarding, data protection and health and safety.