JOB DESCRIPTION

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

BAND 7 PT 26-29

Responsible to	The Headteacher
Purpose of role	To lead and advise on all aspects of financial management, working in partnership with the Headteacher and Governors to ensure financial sustainability. To ensure accurate financial records are maintained and report on a regular basis to Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and Governors to inform decision making. Manage financial systems and ensure robust financial procedures are in place. Be responsible for managing the strategy and operation of
	business functions of the school, including financial management, human resources, administration, premises and H&S. To be a member of the Senior Leadership Team To provide leadership to the Admin and Facilities Team
Responsible for	Specified Admin and Facilities staff across school

Key responsibilities

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGY

Attend Senior Leadership Team, Full GB and committee meetings and lead on all aspects of financial management, premises and H&S.

Lead and manage school support staff as applicable

FINANCE

Provide strategic and operational financial support to the school

In partnership with the Headteacher prepare an annual and three year forecasted budget for the school linked to the School Development Plan. Provide budget forecasting based on estimated funding and trends to allow GB to make medium/long term strategic decisions

Work closely with SLT to develop integrated curriculum and financial planning

Day to day management of the school budget

Monitor how initiatives and changes (planned and unplanned) will impact the school budget. Undertake regular variance analysis and update Headteacher accordingly, advising where revisions are necessary.

Support staff responsible for delegated budgets with procedures which enable them to monitor these budgets

Ensure adherence to financial regulations and provide advice to SLT

Deal with all financial queries and calculations relating to EHC plans and staff salaries

Operate, maintain and develop the financial procedures and systems of the school

Update all staff contracts and budget through SIMS, FMS and Access Budget Software

Oversee financial returns for DFE, LA and other agencies within the statutory deadlines

Awareness and understanding of additional funding streams and report as necessary to SLT

Prepare financial forecasts for particular projects and manage budgets set

Oversee all day to day financial transactions/activity within the school and complete the following:

Process all invoices and make appropriate payments to suppliers

Reconcile all bank accounts and provide regular reconciliation reports to the

Head/Governors

Check and bank all school income

Oversee petty cash transactions

Oversee VAT monthly submittal

Management of school funds including reconciliation and independent annual audit

Process monthly File Transfers and prepare for finance visit

Ensure the school establishment return is checked and discrepancies highlighted.

Be responsible for completion and return of SFVS (Schools Financial Value Standard) in conjunction with SLT and Governors

Be responsible for financial year end procedures and associated returns.

Oversee the lettings of the school premises

Oversee the procurement, tendering of service contracts, insurance policies ensuring best value principles are adhered to.

Maximise income generation from all sources into the school budget

Oversee and authorise all overtime claims ensuring compliant and correct

Audit school trips via Parentpay

Management of Service Level Agreements ensuring best value principles

GOVERNOR SUPPORT

Act as point of contact for the Governing Body

Prepare agendas in consultation with Headteacher and email supporting information including termly review of finances to GB a minimum of 7 days prior to meeting.

Provide clear, concise verbal reports at the meeting and respond to all questions/queries relating to financial management

Report on matters of facilities and H&S at committee meetings on behalf of Facilities Manager

Clerk committee meetings, ensuring minutes distributed to Governors and Trust GS within deadlines

Prepare and present Control Risk Self-Assessment annually to GB for review and discussion

Prepare and present benchmarking analysis annually to GB

Assist Headteacher with cyclical review of statutory policies including consultation with staff and Trade Unions where necessary

Ensure liaison with Clerk to Governors is maintained

Act as Complaints Coordinator for the school

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support the Headteacher in the recruitment process adhering to Safer Recruitment guidelines

Ensure all staff contractual changes are updated in SIMS and Access Software

Oversee Office Manager in processing all changes to payroll via GMSS

Assist the Headteacher with personnel matters relating to all staff and maintain confidential records

Provide leadership to Admin/Facilities staff where appropriate and carry out annual appraisals for the support staff line managed by SBM

PREMISES MANAGEMENT

Oversee Facilities Manager to ensure proper maintenance and repair of School and appropriate premises records are maintained

Oversee Facilities Manager with regard to capital/building projects ensuring pre-start meetings completed ensuring audit and H&S requirements are met

Oversee rolling programme of planned work ensuring priorities in line with school budget and development plan.

Oversee Facilities Manager to ensure cyclical servicing takes place and evidence school is meeting statutory regulations

Attend Buildings Committee meeting with GB termly and report on premises matters on behalf of the Facilities Manager

ADMINISTRATION

Oversee Office Manager to ensure administrative services are reviewed and developed

Oversee Office Manager to ensure Single Central Records is up to date and accurate

Oversee administrative processes to ensure School compliant with all audit requirements

Oversee and support Admin and Facilities staff to ensure all aspects of job descriptions fulfilled

Be compliant with General Data Protection Regulations meeting all legislation requirements

Manage IT provision in school with support from Admin Team

H&S

Oversee Facilities Manager to ensure H&S Policy is reviewed and implemented and necessary procedures in place

Report to Governors on behalf of Facilities Manager with regard to H&S issues and advise proposed action plans

Ensure Facilities Manager arranges necessary H&S/First Aid training as appropriate

Oversee H&S Lead to ensure school and staff comply with H&S rules and procedures

GENERAL

Understand that all staff have a responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people

Ensure all tasks are carried out with due regard to Health and Safety

To adhere to the ethos of the school by promoting the agreed vision and aims and setting an example of personal integrity and professionalism

To ensure the school operates with GDPR regulations

Any other duties as commensurate within the grade in order to ensure the smooth running of the school

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. It is the individual's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children they come into contact with

The post holder may reasonably be expected to undertake other duties commensurate with the level of responsibility that may be allocated, at the discretion of the Head Teacher and to meet the needs of the school