



Job Opportunity: SENDCO Assistant and Mental Health Lead – Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School

📍 **Location:** Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School, RG2 7RB

🕒 **Hours:** 33.25 hours per week, TTO plus 2 insets

💰 **Salary:** RG5 SCP 22-25 (£33,699-£36,363 FTE £17.47-£18.85 per hour)

Actual salary will be pro rata, based on 33.25 hours per week

Join Our Dedicated Team!

Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School is a vibrant, inclusive community where children are placed at the heart of everything we do. We are seeking to appoint a compassionate, skilled, and proactive **SENDCO Assistant / Senior Mental Health Lead** to join our team. This is a vital role supporting the inclusion, wellbeing, and success of all pupils, particularly those with additional needs. We are a nurturing and inclusive school community, committed to ensuring every child feels safe, supported, and able to thrive. This is an exciting opportunity for a dedicated professional who is passionate about SEND provision and mental health.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support the SENDCO in the strategic and operational leadership of SEND provision across the school
- Help coordinate and monitor support plans, EHCPs, and interventions
- Work closely with teachers and support staff to ensure high-quality inclusive practice
- Lead on whole-school approaches to mental health and wellbeing
- Provide guidance and support to staff on meeting pupils' social, emotional, and mental health needs
- Build positive relationships with pupils, families, and external agencies

What We're Looking For:

- Has experience working with children with SEND and/or SEMH needs
- Has a strong understanding of inclusive practice and safeguarding
- Has training or experience in mental health and wellbeing (Senior Mental Health Lead experience desirable)
- Is organised, resilient, and able to manage a varied workload
- Communicates effectively with a range of stakeholders
- A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children

Why Join Us?

- A supportive and dedicated staff team
- A strong commitment to staff wellbeing and professional development
- Opportunities to further develop leadership skills
- Engaged and enthusiastic pupils
- Welcoming and inclusive school community

Should you wish to arrange a visit to our school or to request an application pack or for further information, please contact: 📧 Wendy Owen Admin Assistant–

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🌐 <https://www.whitleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews scheduled. Early applications are encouraged, as the school reserves the right to close the vacancy once a suitable candidate is appointed.

Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, online searches and satisfactory references.