



THE  
**HOLMESDALE**  
SCHOOL

*Dedicated to Community, Committed  
to Equality, Striving for Excellence*

Swale  
ACADEMIES  
TRUST

Receptionist/  
Administation Assistant  
The Holmesdale School  
Information



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# Welcome

Dear Applicant

Make a Difference in Young Lives: Join Our Vibrant School as a Receptionist/Administration Assistant  
Imagine stepping into a welcoming community where dedicated educators are passionate about making a real difference in the lives of children. At The Holmesdale School, a growing school with a strong sense of belonging, that's exactly what you'll find. As Receptionist/Administration Assistant, you'll play a vital role in ensuring our students thrive in a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment.

The Holmesdale School, a growing school dedicated to community, equality, and excellence, is looking for someone like you!

## Why Choose The Holmesdale School?

- **Make an Impact:** Be a direct influence on young minds, shaping their learning journey and fostering their confidence.
- **Thrive in a Supportive Environment:** Enjoy collaborative teamwork with passionate colleagues who offer ongoing support and mentorship.
- **Develop Your Skills:** Access exceptional professional development opportunities, including NPQ qualifications and Masters programs, to advance your career.
- **Join a Leading Trust:** Be part of Swale Academies Trust, a highly successful organisation dedicated to continuous improvement and innovation.
- **Become Part of Something Special:** Contribute to a school with a strong sense of community, celebrating diversity and nurturing independent, resilient learners.

## What Makes You the Perfect Fit?

- Do you possess infectious enthusiasm and a genuine passion for helping children learn and grow?
- Are you a natural communicator who excels at building positive relationships with students of all ages and abilities?
- Do you have a strong sense of responsibility and a commitment to safeguarding children's well-being?
- Previous experience in a school environment is a plus, but your dedication and eagerness to learn are even more valuable.

## Ready to take the next step?

Visit our school or apply today and discover how you can:

- **Make a real difference** in the lives of children.
- **Develop your leadership skills** in a supportive and dynamic environment.
- **Join a thriving school community** dedicated to your success.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Apply now and let's shape the future of The Holmesdale School together.

Yours faithfully



Glenn Prebble

Headteacher

# Job Description

**Job Title:** Administration Assistant  
**Grade:** SAT B  
**Responsible to:** School Office Manager

## **Purpose of the Job:**

To be responsible directly to the school Office Manager for the efficient operation of administration functions of the school.

The post holder has day to day contact with the Headteacher, staff, pupils, parents and Governors, as well as staff from Swale Academies Trust, other agencies, other schools, the local community and representatives of a wide variety of goods and services.

## **Main duties and responsibilities (Accountabilities):**

- Provide a first point of contact for pupils, parents, visitors at reception to deal with any queries that arise in the first instance or refer them on to ensure that problems are dealt with effectively.
- Effectively communicate with parents through email, paperwork, texting system and other methods.
- Perform daily clerical tasks, including dealing with emails, post, messages, etc.
- Undertake a range of secretarial duties as directed by the Office Manager to ensure well-presented and accurate correspondence, reports, letters and other documentation.
- Assist in maintaining the Team's central filing system archiving/destroying documents as necessary to ensure that the school's Document Retention Policy is adhered to.
- Assist in maintaining and updating pupil paper files and electronic pupil profiles where required.
- Deal with any emergency issues in the absence of office colleagues to ensure the efficient running of the school office is maintained.
- Assist in administration of pupil attendance and absence.
- Assist to maintain general office systems.
- To carry out duties as requested by the Office Manager and Senior Leadership Team.

The duties / responsibilities of this post may vary from time to time according to the changing needs of the Trust service.

# Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential / Desirable
A good standard of education with English and mathematics GCSE or equivalent level.	E
NVQ 2 Business Administration or equivalent.	D
Experience	
Experience of working in a very fast paced office where the ability to prioritise workload is key.	E
Experience of working and supporting within a team.	E
Skills and Abilities	
Good literacy and numeracy skills.	E
Ability to communicate effectively, in a friendly and helpful manner with staff, students, parents and members of the general public, both in person and over the telephone.	E
Cope with interruptions.	E
Remain calm under pressure and handle a range of situations.	E
Be adaptable and flexible with a "can do" attitude.	E
Good interpersonal skills.	E
Work efficiently and accurately, with excellent attention to detail.	E
Willingness to learn.	E
Ability to develop and maintain effective computerised and manual filing systems.	E
Ability to work on own initiative and prioritise personal workload to meet deadlines.	E
Knowledge	
Good working knowledge of Microsoft packages, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Google Suite including Gmail, Drive, and use of email.	E
Awareness of Data Protection and confidentiality issues.	E
An understanding of the issues surrounding the safeguarding of children and commitment to child welfare and safety.	E
Experience of using school systems such as:- SIMS, Brom Com, would be a distinct advantage.	D
Personal Qualities	
Smart, professional appearance.	E
The ability to maintain confidentiality and discretion in all situations.	E
Organised, methodical and adaptable.	E
Conscientious, polite and calm.	E
Obvious enthusiasm and energy.	E





# Working at The Holmesdale School

## Benefits

- Local Government Pension Scheme – with a generous employer contribution
- Salary Sacrifice Shared Cost AVC (Additional Voluntary Contribution) Scheme
- Enhanced Maternity Pay
- Employee Referral Recruitment Incentive
- Access to training and development
- Discounts with local and national retailers, cinemas and restaurants
- On-site Parking

## Well-Being

- Employee Assistance Programme – Wellbeing and advice
- Cycle to Work scheme

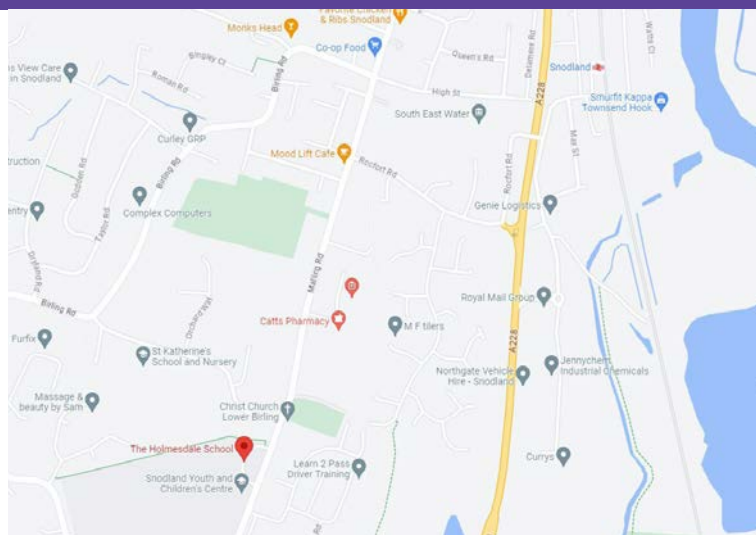
# Finding Us

**The Holmesdale School**  
Malling Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5HS

01634 240416  
THS\_Office@swale.at

**Closest Train Station:** Snodland Station  
Approx. 18 minute walk

**Closest Bus stops:**  
The Holmesdale School - 71, 149, 151, 549, 575





## The Application Process

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the appropriate application form. All sections of the form which are applicable to you must be completed as clearly and fully as possible.

Please note CVs will not be accepted in place of a completed application form.

Application forms can be found on the Kent-Teach website and applications should be made via this route. Alternatively, completed [SAT Application Forms](#) can be sent by email to [louise.bates@swale.at](mailto:louise.bates@swale.at) or by post to the following address:

Louise Bates  
The Holmesdale School  
Malling Road  
Snodland  
ME6 5HS

## The Shortlisting and Interview Process

After the closing date for this post a panel will conduct the shortlisting process. You will be selected for interview based entirely on the contents of your application form, it is therefore important that you fully read the Job Description and Person Specification prior to completing your form. The Holmesdale School may complete online checks of any candidates as part of the Shortlisting Process.

After the shortlisting process has been completed candidates who have been selected for interview will be informed, and provided with full details of the interview programme. If you have not heard from us within 10 working days of the closing date for this post, you have, on this occasion, unfortunately been unsuccessful.

All candidates who are invited to interview must bring the following original documents:

- Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
- Visual identification which includes a photograph, usually a passport or driving licence
- Documentary proof of current name and address
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing change of name
- Certificates of educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post

## Conditional Offer

- Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a number of formalities, including, but not restricted to the following:
- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of two satisfactory references
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory enhanced DBS check, as well as additional checks that may be appropriate if you have worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years
- Satisfactory pre-employment health clearance
- A check against the Teacher Service Register for any teaching prohibition or restriction orders where you are applying for a teaching role or if you have previously held a teaching role in past employment.



## **Safeguarding**

Our Trust has robust safer recruitment procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

All individuals working in any capacity at our Trust will be subjected to safeguarding checks in line with the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Swale Academies Trust schools will conduct an online check of shortlisted candidates in line with the Keeping Children Safe In Education guidelines.

## **Retention of information**

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through the confidential waste system after six months from the date of the interview, in accordance with our retention of records procedure.

## **Privacy Notice**

Please refer to the Trust's [Privacy Notice](#) for job applicants for information about how we use any personal data about them we hold.



# Overview of Swale Academies Trust

Since its creation in September 2010, Swale Academies Trust has developed into one of the South East's leading Multi-Academy Trusts.

Our purpose is to develop good and outstanding schools and ensure the rapid improvement of schools with challenges.

As the Trust has grown and developed, we continue to ensure that effective school support and leadership is maintained. The Trust's approach to school improvement is based on a combination of CPD, capacity building and collaboration, with a relentless focus on teaching and pupil progress, in order to effect rapid and sustained improvements in outcomes for young people.

The Trust is an organisation which is driven by the belief that all children deserve a good quality education where they are seen as individuals and above all are exceptionally well cared for.

## Swale Academies Trust - Schools

### Primary

- Beaver Green Primary School, Ashford
- Istead Rise Primary School, Istead Rise
- James Dixon Primary School, Bromley
- Langney Primary Academy, Eastbourne
- Parkland Infant School, Eastbourne
- Parkland Junior School, Eastbourne
- Regis Manor Primary School, Sittingbourne
- Shinewater Primary School, Eastbourne
- South Borough Primary School, Maidstone
- Westlands Primary School, Sittingbourne

### Secondary

- Meopham Secondary School, Meopham
- Peacehaven Community School, Peacehaven
- The Eastbourne Academy, Eastbourne
- The Holmesdale School, Snodland
- The North School, Ashford
- The Sittingbourne School, Sittingbourne
- The Turing School, Eastbourne
- The Whitstable School, Whitstable
- Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne

## Central Support Services

- Human Resource Team
- Finance Team
- ICT Team
- Estate Management
- Governance and Communications



