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St Peter's School
St Peter's Road
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Job Application Pack

Physical and Sensory Needs Assistant

School: St Peter's School

Salary: £14,931

Contract: Permanent, Part Time 30.4 hours

Start date: February 2023

Application closing date: 10/02/2023

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Welcome from the CEO



We are delighted you are interested in joining one of the Academies in our Trust.

The Cam Academy Trust is a community of schools in and near South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon which offers 'Excellence for All' students from aged 3 to 18 in 11 schools incorporating pre-school, primary phase, secondary and sixth forms.

School years are a critical period of all our lives as we develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to become successful members of our communities. We want all young people proceeding through all our schools to become capable, caring and confident.

All within The Cam Academy Trust are committed to giving all our pupils the very best grounding that we can through exceptional teaching and learning and outstanding pastoral support.

Each of our academies has its own Principal or Headteacher who works with their own team of high-quality staff and these staff also work with each other to share best practice to ensure our pupils are well educated and well cared for.

Our over-arching purpose is simple: we want to secure educational excellence for all with our Academies working at the heart of and serving their local communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Munday".

Stephen Munday CBE

About our Trust

The Cam Academy Trust, originally The Comberton Academy Trust, was formed in 2011 to oversee the conversion of Comberton Village College to academy status in the first instance. With growing emphasis on academies working together in formal partnerships, the Trust quickly changed to become a multi-academy trust so that more schools could join and work closely with us.

As this partnership developed it was only right that the name changed with it as further schools/academies joined, including from the primary as well as secondary phase of education. The Comberton Academy Trust was renamed 'The Cam Academy Trust' – a clear statement that the Trust is greater than the sum of its parts.

The Trust currently comprises seven primary phase schools and four secondary schools, two with Sixth Forms. We are excited that a third Sixth Form is due to open at Cambourne Village College in 2023.

Our Primary phase schools are: Everton Heath Primary School (just inside Bedfordshire), Gamlingay Village Primary, Jeavons Wood Primary School, Cambourne, Offord Primary School, Offord D'Arcy, Hartford Infant and Pre-School, Hartford Junior School and Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School, Huntingdon. Bourn Primary Academy joined as the first Associate Member in 2021.

Our Secondary schools are: Comberton Village College (and Comberton Sixth Form), Cambourne Village College, Melbourn Village College and St Peter's School (and Sixth Form), Huntingdon.

The Trust strives for 'Excellence for All' and at the heart of this are six core principles which drive everything it does.

These are:

The Excellence Principle – Education must be of the very highest standard

The Comprehensive Principle – Education must be for all kinds and abilities

The Broad Education Principle – Education must incorporate a broad range of subject areas and personal development

The Community Principle – Every Academy must be at the heart of its local community and serve it well

The Partnership Principle – Each Academy must seek to work positively in partnership with others for mutual benefit

The International Principle – The curriculum inside and outside the classroom must have a clear international dimension.

Benefits

We offer the following benefits, designed to promote your wellbeing and make your time with The Cam Academy Trust satisfying and rewarding.

Core benefits

- Holiday – Up to 30 days' paid holiday a year plus bank holidays for full time non-teaching staff (statutory leave for teaching staff)
- Paid leave – enhanced sick pay, maternity pay and adoption leave pay (linked to service) and paid leave for unforeseen personal situations
- Pension – a generous defined benefit pension with the Local Government Pension Scheme or Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Death in service payment – lump sum payment and an ongoing pension for your partner & children (subject to conditions & membership of our pension scheme)

Health and wellbeing

- Employee counselling and support – free, independent 24/7 help and advice for work-related issues, as well as problems affecting your home life
- Wellbeing groups – arrangements may differ from school to school (secondary school staff)
- Environment – good working environment with excellent facilities (facilities may differ from school to school)

Professional development

- Professional development – full and part-funded training courses and a wide range of learning opportunities available to all staff

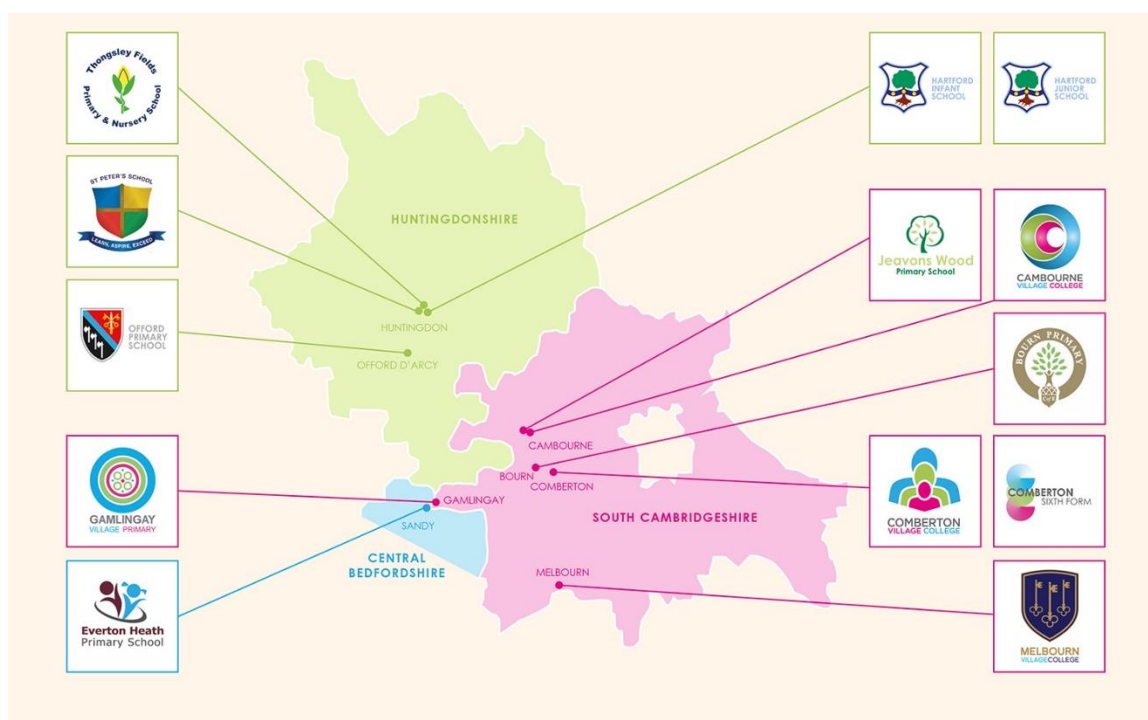
Employee discounts

- Car parking – free and on-site
- Hot drinks – tea & coffee making facilities provided for all staff
- Cycle-to-work scheme – save £££ on a new bike and accessories
- Subsidised membership to the [Chartered College of Teaching](#) (teaching staff)

Work-life balance

- Flexible working – all staff can make a request to work flexibly
- Teacher cover - We have Cover Supervisors reducing the amount of cover required by teachers and PPA periods are on timetables and not used for cover purposes (school teaching staff)

Our Schools



Comberton Village College & Comberton Sixth Form



Comberton Village College is a thriving community of approximately 1800 students, including 500 in the Sixth Form which was added to the school in 2011.

It was established in 1960 as part of Henry Morris' vision for schools being village colleges at the heart of their community and not just places for children to learn. It has a vibrant Adult Education department as well as an on-site Sports and Arts Centre, including a full-size artificial football pitch and spacious performance hall. Current improvements to the much-extended site include the installation of a £multi-million ground-source heat pump to move away from the use of oil.

Cambourne Village College

Cambourne Village College opened as a Free School in 2013 as the first new village college in Cambridgeshire for 30 years. It serves the community of Cambourne, a group of villages located between Cambridge and St Neots.

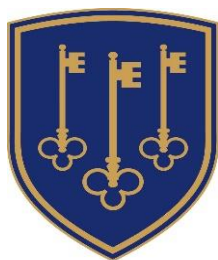
It has been repeatedly grown since its inception and now has plans for further expansion to include a sixth form from 2023 and further capacity to match growing demand for families moving into Cambourne West, the fourth of the villages it serves. It, too, offers extensive arts and sports facilities for community use.



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It was the first school in the Trust to equip its students with iPads, an initiative now being rolled out across the Trust.

Melbourn Village College



MELBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE

Melbourn Village College is the smallest and oldest of the village colleges in the CAT community. With around 600 students in Years 7-11, it still offers an innovative curriculum with Mandarin taught to all from Year 7 with the option to take the language at GCSE level and, recently, at A Level in conjunction with Comberton Sixth Form.

Melbourn is undergoing considerable investment and improvement with a new artificial pitch that opened in late 2021 and work due to start on upgrading classrooms in summer 2022.

St Peter's School, Huntingdon

St Peter's School is located in the heart of Huntingdon and offers a nurturing and supportive environment for around 1200 students from a diverse multi-cultural catchment.

The school joined the Trust in 2016 and has undergone significant change with Ofsted now rating it as a 'Good' school. There has also been major investment in its buildings and infrastructure with a complete refurbishment of the Sixth Form and more work scheduled for Summer 2022.



Everton Heath Primary School



Everton Heath
Primary School

Located just over the Bedfordshire border, Everton Heath is the smallest school in the Trust with just over 70 students. However, the installation of two new classrooms in 2021 has given it capacity to grow.

It has joined forces with larger neighbours, Gamlingay Village Primary (less than two miles away) and the second smallest Trust school, Offord Primary, in a new collaborative West Village Partnership. It is a catchment school for Comberton Village College.

Everton Heath Primary School is part of the newly formed West Village Partnership.

Gamlingay Village Primary

Established as a full primary school by the Trust in 2018 from Gamlingay First School, it was relocated to the former middle school site following a major upgrade to the existing buildings.

It is now a thriving school for more than 380 pupils and includes specialist primary provision for students



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on the autistic spectrum, many of whom go on to Comberton Village College's similar secondary offering as Comberton is the school's designated 11-16 provider.

Gamlingay Village Primary School is part of the newly formed West Village Partnership.



Hartford Infant and Preschool

Renamed in early 2022 to reflect the addition of a bespoke preschool, the team are proud of their caring, secure and purposeful environment to nurture youngsters at the start of their educational journey.

The school shares a site with the Junior School in a suburb of Huntingdon and most pupils make the natural transition across the playground before going on to St Peter's, allowing them the full educational experience within the Trust.



HARTFORD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Hartford Junior School

Hartford Junior School has two-form entry at the start of Key Stage 2 with the majority switching from the Infant School next door.

Rated 'Good' at their first inspection since joining the Trust in 2017, they are proud of their progress in recent years, based on their ethos of 'effort, encouragement and excellence'.

Jeavons Wood Primary School, Cambourne



Jeavons Wood is one of four primary schools located in the growing South Cambridgeshire community of Cambourne and is a feeder school for Cambourne Village College.

It has more than 400 pupils in a modern, airy building constructed 10 years ago and works unswervingly to support all their pupils both socially and academically.



OFFORD
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Offord Primary School

The newest full members of the Trust, Offord joined in 2019 and undergone significant changes with a new headteacher and the recent collaborative partnership with Gamlingay and Everton Heath.

They are the first primary school in the Trust to obtain enough iPads for every pupil after securing a generous donation from a local charity which supports education in Offord D'Arcy and Offord Cluny.



Offord Primary School is part of the newly formed West Village Partnership.

Thongsley Fields Primary & Nursery School, Huntingdon

Thongsley Fields Primary & Nursery School was created in 2003 from separate junior and infant schools built to serve families on the Oxmoor estate in Huntingdon. They joined the Trust in 2018 and with a new headteacher are developing grand plans for their curriculum., their grounds and the provision and support for pupils and their families.

Like Hartford Junior School, they are a partner primary for St Peter's School with whom they share a Governing Body.

Bourn Primary Academy

Bourn Primary Academy, a single form entry Church of England school, became the Trust's first associate members in September 2021, cementing an already close relationship with both Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges, which it lies between.

All the Trust's services are available to Bourn, which is in the Comberton catchment, and they now work closely with all the other schools and staff across the Trust, sharing experiences and best practice.



Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Cam Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, barred list check and other relevant pre-employment checks.



Physical and Sensory Needs Assistant
Salary Scale 2 point 4 £21,189 FTE (Actual £14,931)
Term time plus 5 days
Working hours: 8.30- 15:05 (30.4 hours per week)
Required – February 2023
Contract – Permanent subject to successful completion of probationary period

St Peter's School part of The Cam Academy Trust are seeking to appoint a dedicated, enthusiastic and caring Personal Assistant to join our experienced team of staff for 30.4 hours per week. This role involves supporting students with physical and /or sensory needs so that they are able to access learning safely and successfully in school.

We are looking for someone ideally with relevant experience within this role who will bring enthusiasm and a commitment to student learning in our happy and friendly school. The right candidate will need to be adaptable, highly motivated and have the ability to work as part of a team. They must demonstrate full commitment to the school and its aim to raise standards. Every day you will be assisting in helping the students to reach their learning goals and encouraging good behaviour.

The ideal candidate will:

- The ability to build good relationships with children, parents/carers and colleagues;
- Commitment to equal opportunities;
- The ability to work in a team but also to use your own initiative;
- Organisational and time management skills;
- Undertake any necessary training
- Excellent communication skills;
- Patience and a good sense of humour.

The successful candidates will have a minimum of GCSE grade C in English and Maths.

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The closing date for receipt of applications is **midday on 10th February 2023**.
Please note that we do not accept CVs.

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About Us

Welcome to St Peter's School. We work together with our students to make sure every individual has the best chances of success, now and in the future. We trust our young people to be responsible and positive members of society which is why we encouraged them to define our ethos.

Our students identified 3 key areas that they felt defined a high quality education. **Learn, Aspire & Exceed**. With these shared, common goals, staff and students collaborate to create a high quality learning environment.

Learn

Our staff and students were unanimous in learning being the focus of our school. This covers the academic knowledge and skills needed to make rapid progress but importantly also covers much wider range of opportunities for students to develop their character, resilience and abilities.

Aspire

We want our students to leave St Peter's ready to make a positive impact. Our Careers Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) widens students experience and broadens their horizons in terms of future educational and employment opportunities.

Exceed

Our students do not want to succeed; they want to do better. They want to exceed what is expected of them in every part of their lives. We are proud to celebrate their successes and to prepare them to lead excellent lives.

Background

We hope that you will join the nurturing partnership between staff, pupils and parents which gives our school the right environment for students to make the most of their learning.

Through our unique combination of care and academic challenge, we are making sure that our students maximise their learning opportunities within a safe and secure environment and

are delighted that Ofsted agree we are taking great strides towards these goals, rating St Peter's as 'good' in March 2017.

At St Peter's we are committed to providing a positive learning environment in which every student can achieve his or her best. Every single adult at St Peter's has the same purpose – to support our young people to become successful adults of the future. We have high expectations and aspirations for all of our students and we work to prepare them fully for the future beyond school, recognising, nurturing and celebrating individual skills and talents.

Job Description

POST TITLE:	Physical and Sensory Needs Assistant
HOURS WORKED:	Working hours: 8.30- 15:05 (30.4 hours per week), Monday to Friday, term-time plus 5 days
SALARY:	Salary Scale 2 point 4-5
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Lead of Nurture
PURPOSE OF JOB:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster, and encourage and expect others to foster, the school's ethos (Learn Aspire Exceed) in all our stakeholders at all times. • Supporting the progress of students

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

SAFEGUARDING

- Responsible for the safeguarding of students who are under their immediate care, following relevant school policies, reporting concerns promptly (including Health and Safety)
- Safeguarding the mental health and wellbeing of students and staff

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To provide support in lessons and around school for students with physical and sensory impairments.
- Liaise with class teachers so that adaptations can be made in advance of lessons.
- Develop a good working relationship with students and parents
- Modify work - to ensure that it is accessible.
- Produce modified test/exam papers for end of unit or mock papers
- Use equipment to turn word into Braille and Braille into word
- Undertake any training necessary to learn how to modify work for visually impaired students, such as learning Braille, sighted guide training.
- Have a good working knowledge of using an iPad
- Escort students around school
- To implement 1-1 and small group interventions for students with physical and sensory difficulties under the guidance of the SENDCO.
- To provide/maintain records on SEND students' progress and contribute to Statutory Reviews.
- To support teachers in the classroom. Liaise with teachers and up-date them on the individual needs of SEND students. To keep them informed of appropriate strategies to support and overcome their difficulties in the classroom.

- To provide admin/clerical support, where required, in SEND department.

General Responsibilities

- Support class teachers to develop and prepare resources for learning activities in accordance with lesson plans and in response to student need.
- Provide detailed verbal and written feedback on lesson content, student responses to learning activities and student behaviour, to teachers and students.
- Be aware of, and support, difference and ensure all students have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Promote and support the inclusion of all students, including those with specific needs, both in learning activities and within the classroom.

Achievement

- Provide learning support to enhance learning and improve attainment across all years and curriculum areas for students with difficulties.
- With teachers, evaluate students' progress through a range of assessment activities.
- Assess students' responses to learning tasks and, where appropriate, modify methods to meet individual and/or group needs.
- Monitor students' participation and progress and provide constructive feedback to students in relation to their progress and achievement.
- Assist in maintaining and analysing records of students' progress.
- Contribute to programmes of observation and assessment as planned by the teacher and provide reports, evaluations and other information to assist in the provision of appropriate support for specific students.
- Report on students' progress and achievements at parents' meetings, either through attendance at targeted meetings or input to Parents' Evenings.

Behaviour and Safety

- Use behaviour management strategies, in line with the school's policy and procedures, to contribute to a purposeful learning environment and encourage students to interact and work co-operatively with others.
- Organise and safely manage the appropriate learning environment and resources.
- Promote and reinforce students' self-esteem and independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
- Recognise and challenge any incidents of racism, bullying, harassment, victimisation and any form of abuse of equal opportunities, ensuring compliance with relevant college policies and procedures and making sure the individual/s involved understand it is unacceptable.
- Understand and implement child protection procedures in line with school policy and comply with legal responsibilities.
- Assist in maintaining good discipline of students throughout the school and escort and supervise students on planned visits and journeys as appropriate.
- Foster and maintain constructive and supportive relationships with parents/carers, exchanging appropriate information, facilitating support for their child's attendance, access and learning, and supporting home to college and community links.
- Assist teachers by, where appropriate, receiving instructions directly from professional or specialist support staff involved in the student's education. These may include social workers, health visitors, language support staff, speech therapists and educational psychologists.

Leadership and Management

- To take responsibility for own professional development and support others.

Other

- To attend relevant in-service training and professional training days
- To be aware of school policies and procedures, including those relating to confidentiality.
- Attend and actively participate in staff meetings as necessary.
- Act as an extension of the school's pastoral system by supporting students and their welfare needs, acting as a co-tutor and liaising with pastoral teams.

In addition to the responsibilities described above, to carry out any other duties of a similar nature at the reasonable request of the Head Teacher.

This Job Description will be subject to regular review and any changes will be made in consultation with the post holder. The aim will always be to reach agreement on any changes but, if agreement is not possible, the Governing Body reserves the right to make the changes following consultation.

The academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATIONS		
5 GCSE'S including English and Maths to Grade C	X	
EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS		
Experience with working with children or young people	X	
Working with students with SEND in a school environment		X
Liaising with other professional colleagues		X
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS		
To be committed to the Every Child Matters agenda.	X	
Support individual children or small groups of children with Special Educational Needs in the academic and social activities of the school.	X	
Supportive approach to school ethos, policies and activities.	X	
Establish and maintain supportive relationships with individual students or small groups to ensure they understand and can achieve tasks	X	
Effective communication skills.	X	
Under the direction of the class teacher, carry out predetermined tasks to support student learning.	X	
Help with the care and support for students	X	
Support inclusion in the classroom, ensuring all pupils feel involved with tasks and activities.	X	
Be able to lead lessons	X	

