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School Nurse and Mental Health Practitioner

Dear Prospective Applicant,

At Amesbury, we believe wholeheartedly in nurturing every child's potential, both in and out of the classroom. We aspire to provide a well-rounded educational experience, ensuring that our pupils develop the confidence, resilience, and compassion needed to flourish. A key component of this vision lies in the provision of exemplary healthcare and emotional support within our school community. We are therefore delighted to announce an exciting opportunity for a School Nurse and Mental Health Practitioner to join our dedicated pastoral team.

Our School and its Aims:

Nestled in the tranquil countryside near Hindhead, Surrey, Amesbury Prep School is a vibrant co-educational preparatory school, where children aged 9 months to 13 years are encouraged to explore, learn, and grow. Our school culture balances academic excellence with fostering kindness, empathy, and a supportive community spirit. By promoting courtesy, cooperation, and mutual respect, we create an environment where staff and pupils alike can thrive.

We pride ourselves on working in close partnership with families to provide the best possible care and education for our pupils. In doing so, we aim to instil in each child a sense of responsibility towards society and the environment, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges of senior school and beyond.

By becoming part of the Amesbury team, you will find yourself working in a supportive, forward-thinking environment that values professional growth and development. Our staff share a united passion for excellence, balanced with a genuine warmth and enthusiasm for the work they do. This role offers a stimulating opportunity to make a tangible impact on our pupils' lives, contributing to both their physical health and emotional resilience.

If you are an empathetic, proactive individual with the drive to champion high-quality physical and mental wellbeing within a school setting, we encourage you to apply. We invite you to help us foster a positive and nurturing atmosphere that empowers our pupils to thrive and our staff to excel.

We look forward to receiving your application and discussing how you might become an integral part of our pastoral team.



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Job Description

School Nurse and Mental Health Practitioner

Vacancy Overview

Reporting to: Deputy Head Pastoral

Hours: 4 days a week 8.30am – 5.00pm

Salary: Equivalent of current Band 5 Nurse

Contract: Term time only – 34 weeks per annum, including INSET days.

Closing date for applications: Friday 31 January 2025

Interviews: Week commencing Monday 10 February 2025

School Aims

Our primary aim at Amesbury Prep School is to ensure that every child enjoys a fulfilling and enriching educational journey. We strive to create an environment where each student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Specifically, our goals include:

1. Equipping every child with the skills, aptitudes, and resilience necessary for success in senior school and beyond.
2. Cultivating a caring community that promotes commitment, courtesy, cooperation, tolerance, and compassion.
3. Fostering strong partnerships between home and school to enhance the educational experience.
4. Setting a high standard of achievement and innovation, while nurturing personal development among staff.
5. Fulfilling our social and environmental responsibilities to society.

Key Responsibilities:

Medical Centre Management

- Maintain the efficient operation of the medical centre, ensuring high-quality first aid practices and compliance with clinical governance, DfE, and UKHSA guidelines.
- Oversee the administration of medications and ensure all policies, records, and practices align with regulatory standards, including GDPR and ISI compliance.
- Provide professional first aid support for pupils, staff, and visitors, delegating where necessary.
- Collaborate with catering and other departments to address dietary and allergy needs.

Clinical Practice

- Work within the NMC Code of Conduct and maintain clinical supervision requirements for revalidation.
- Develop and manage health care plans in collaboration with pupils, parents, and healthcare specialists.



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- Ensure accurate medical records are maintained for all pupils, including intake forms and updates for leavers.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Collaborate with the school's mental health lead (or assume the role, depending on experience) to implement and support the school's mental health and wellbeing strategy.
- Assist in delivering early intervention and prevention strategies for mental health and wellbeing, providing timely support for pupils and staff.
- Act as a point of contact for mental health and wellbeing matters, liaising with pupils, parents, and external services as appropriate.
- Support wellbeing initiatives, including pupil and staff wellbeing surveys, and contribute to the development of an action plan based on feedback.
- Where applicable, work with local schools and services to enhance the mental health provision within the school community.

Safeguarding

- Act as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL), supporting training and safeguarding initiatives.
- Assist with safeguarding meetings and ensure the delivery of a compliant safeguarding strategy.

Training and Development

- Support the planning and delivery of first aid and mental health training for staff and pupils, either directly or in collaboration with other team members or external providers, depending on expertise and experience.
- Assist with integrating wellbeing and first aid themes into the curriculum, working alongside the head of Life Skills as needed.
- Coordinate or contribute to the organization of a school-wide mental health and wellbeing day annually, based on the candidate's role and expertise.
- Facilitate or arrange training sessions for staff to build skills in supporting pupil wellbeing and medical needs.

Wellbeing Hub

- Manage the Wellbeing Hub, overseeing activities for pupils and staff during breaks and lunch.
- Develop and implement initiatives to promote staff wellbeing and self-care, providing support for low-level concerns.

Essential Requirements

- Must be a registered nurse with current NMC registration.
- Experience or training in mental health and wellbeing practices.
- Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.



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Child Protection/Safeguarding

Amesbury is dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and undergo enhanced DBS checks.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss the role in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to welcoming a dynamic and passionate individual to our team.

Warm regards,

Gavin Franklin