



Dear Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in the Teacher of Geography (Maternity Cover) post at Portchester Community School.

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and innovative teacher. The successful candidate must be capable of maintaining the highest professional standards and place the child at the centre of everything they do. You will need to be an inspirational teacher with a 'can-do' attitude. If you match the description outlined above – then our great students would like to work with you.

As a school we invest heavily in support and training and have a commitment to individual professional development.

Visits to the school are welcome as well as informal discussions via telephone to support and inform your application.

Once again, thank you for showing an interest in this post and I wish you every success in your application.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Carlyle
Headteacher



Teacher of Geography (Maternity Cover)

Main Pay Range

Salary: £31,650 to £43,607 p.a.

Temporary. Full-Time.

Start Date: September 2025

Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher to join our excellent Humanities Department. This is a strong and well led department within the school and is very much on the march forward. The successful candidate will have a commitment to excellence, maintain the highest professional standards and place the child at the centre of everything they do. They will have excellent subject knowledge, be able to teach Geography to all ages and abilities, strong classroom management skills and the ability to engage and inspire young people.

In return, we can offer:

- A talented and highly motivated team of professionals at all levels
- Excellent support and continuing professional development based on research and improving teaching & learning
- A school with a calm and considered environment
- A school that pupils, staff, and the community feel proud of

The postholder will also be responsible for fulfilling the safeguarding requirements of the role and adhering to the school's safeguarding policy.

Portchester Community School is a popular and growing 11-16 comprehensive school situated in the historical village of Portchester. We are surrounded by the beautiful Hampshire countryside and benefit from our highly effective local authority.

Pupils have a positive approach to learning, a committed staff and a supportive body of Governors and parents have helped to create a school which was judged by OFSTED (January 2024) to be 'Good' in every area of its provision and 'outstanding' for personal development. We pride ourselves in being highly inclusive and pupil focused. We were awarded the prestigious National SMSC Quality Mark Gold Award, for the second time in April 2024. We are immensely proud of our pupils and their achievements.

As a school, we aspire to provide the very best educational opportunities and outcomes for all our pupils.

Our talented staff are unstinting in providing a wealth of opportunities for pupils. They give generously of their time and energy both in and out of term time. Pupils quickly learn that hard-work and investment in learning provides great pleasure and reaps dividends in the future.

An Application Pack can be downloaded from our website at www.portchester.hants.sch.uk under the 'About Us' menu, or email: recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk

Please email your completed application to recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk. Please return the equalities monitoring form in line with the details shown on the form.

We welcome applications from both experienced teachers and ECTs (Early Careers Teachers).

If you would like to discuss this role further or arrange to visit the school. Please call 023 9236 4399 or email Mrs R Ford, Assistant Headteacher; r.ford@portchester.hants.sch.uk or Miss K Shaw, Head of Humanities; k.shaw@portchester.hants.sch.uk

Please email your completed application to recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk or send to Portchester Community School, White Hart Lane, Portchester, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 9BD, marked for the attention of Mrs Y Boxall, Personnel Services Leader. Please return the equalities monitoring form in line with the details shown on the form.

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(Please send in your application as soon as possible and we will interview as and when we receive applications for this role).

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We are committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnership.

This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 because it is a post which involves working directly with children or young people. Applicants shortlisted for interview are therefore required to declare whether they have any criminal convictions (or cautions or bind-overs) including those which are 'spent.' The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provide that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Disclosure and Barring Service website:

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APPLICATION GUIDE

Vacancy Details

Details of the terms and conditions of the post are included in the Vacancy Details document. This gives information about the post, grade and salary and underlines the school's commitment to safeguarding children and young people and to equality of opportunity for all. Details of the closing date for applications, interview date, interview panel and selection procedure are included. The employment checks undertaken for the successful candidate are also shown on this document.

Job Description

This gives an overview of the purpose of the post and outlines the main core duties and any specific duties.

For a Support staff post, the Role profile describes the generic tasks of the post and may be supplemented with a Local List of Duties which specifies, at individual school level, the main duties of the role. The role profile also defines the necessary knowledge, skills and experience required at selection.

Person Specification

This outlines the qualifications, experience, skills and personal attributes which the successful candidate will need to possess. These elements are classified as either essential or desirable and are used as the basis for the shortlisting process. The person specification also outlines the basis by which other information collected as part of the recruitment and selection process will be assessed e.g. lesson/task observation, presentation, references.

The Application Form

Please ensure that you complete the relevant Hampshire County Council Teaching Staff or Support Staff application form, both of which can be downloaded from the school website at www.portchester.hants.sch.uk or the Hampshire County Council website. Please do not send a C.V. in place of the Hampshire application forms as this will not be accepted.

When completing your application form it is important to consider the Job Description/Role Profile and the Person Specification and include in your application evidence to demonstrate your skills and knowledge. Applicants should meet the essential criteria detailed in the Person Specification and it will be advantageous to demonstrate some of the desirable criteria.

Application Process

Once completed, please send your application form for the attention of Mrs Y Boxall, Personnel Services Leader, to arrive by the deadline specified in the advertisement and Vacancy Details information.

When received, we will hold your information securely, in line with our Data Protection policy and Privacy Notice for job applicants. Please refer to the Privacy Notice for Job Applicants available on our website.

Please remember to complete the Equalities Monitoring form which is included as part of the application pack and return it as detailed on the form. This information will enable the school to

monitor the effectiveness of its equality policy and ensure that all staff and applicants receive fair and equal treatment at all times.

As part of this policy, it is essential that we monitor the profile of our applicants in relation to gender, ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation and age.

The information on this form will not be shared with the selection panel and will be used for statistical purposes only. It will not form any part of a record on you as an individual, unless you are subsequently appointed to the school, in which case it may be held as part of a computerised personnel record on the school's HR system which is available for your inspection.

All application forms are logged on receipt and although we do not currently acknowledge receipt, we are more than happy for you to contact the school for confirmation that your application has been received. Again, please contact Mrs Boxall by email (recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk), or via the school on 023 92 364399.

The Short-listing Process

The interview panel will undertake the short-listing process and candidates will be assessed against the job description/role profile and the essential and desirable aspects of the person specification. Candidates selected for interview will be contacted by telephone or email. Candidates will be advised of any tasks or lessons they will be asked to undertake as part of the selection process.

Please be advised that if you have not been contacted within two weeks of the closing date, your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

The Interview Process

The interview panel for all teaching posts will comprise the Headteacher, Mr Richard Carlyle, a member of the Senior Leadership team, usually either the Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher, together with the Subject Leader for the relevant department. For Subject Leader posts, a school Governor may also be included in the interview panel.

The purpose of the interview is to assess the candidate's suitability for the post and give both the panel and the candidate an opportunity to gain further information before making a successful appointment. It is also an opportunity to seek clarification on information provided in your application form.

As part of due diligence checks online searches will be completed on all shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

The interview will also assess the candidate's suitability to work with children and will include questions relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Candidates will be asked the same core questions relating to the requirements of the post, however relevant supplementary questions may also be asked.

During the interview process notes will be taken.

References

It is our policy to approach both referees noted on the application form **prior to interview** for a reference. As stated on the application form one of your referees must be your present employer e.g. Headteacher.

Offers of Appointment

Appointments are subject to satisfactory completion of all relevant pre-employment checks including a Disclosure and Barring Service check and medical clearance from the Hampshire County Council Wellbeing unit.

Statement on Safer Recruitment

Statutory Guidance “Keeping Children Safe in Education”, issued by the Department for Education, requires the school to have written recruitment policies and procedures in place to prevent people who pose a risk of harm from working with children.

The Governing Body recognise that promoting the welfare of children and young people is integral to the recruitment and selection process and essential to creating a safe environment for children and young people. The school is committed to ensuring that recruitment and selection activities are undertaken in a fair and transparent way and that appointments are based on the candidate judged to be most suitable. The aims of the school’s Recruitment Policy are therefore to: attract and appoint the highest calibre of applicants; ensure safe and equitable recruitment and selection is conducted at all times; deter, identify and reject applicants and volunteers who are unsuitable to work with children and young people.

In accordance with the School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009, at least one person on an appointment panel will have undertaken safer recruitment training.

The full Recruitment Policy is available on request to any member of staff and all prospective applicants and volunteers.

The school’s Child Protection policy and Safeguarding policies are available on request or on the school’s website www.portchester.hants.sch.uk

What to bring to interview

Applicants selected for interview are asked to refer to the “Pre-employment checklist for Candidates” sent with the interview invitation letter and bring documentation as outlined. This will include original qualifications certificates and proof of identity (preferably photographic, such as a photocard driving licence or passport).

In order to meet our legal obligation under the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, the school must ensure that evidence has been seen and checked to confirm eligibility to work in the United Kingdom. Therefore, candidates selected for interview must bring relevant documentation to confirm this, as outlined in the Pre-employment Checklist for Candidates.

Thank you for your interest in this post at Portchester Community School.

Successful Confident Responsible

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Details about the post: Teacher of Geography	
Salary:	Main Pay Range Salary: £31,650 to £43,607 p.a.
Contract Type:	Temporary, Full Time. Maternity Cover.
Safeguarding of pupils:	
School statement:	Portchester Community School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.
Context for the vacancy:	
Start date:	September 2025.
Terms and conditions:	
School statement:	This post is offered subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document 2024.
Equalities Statement:	
School statement:	<p>The Governing Body of the school is committed to equality for all in the appointment, development, training and promotion of staff, and in all dealings with pupils and parents of the school.</p> <p>The Governing Body recognises the value of a diverse and inclusive workforce. The Governing Body and managers will operate at all times within the requirements of anti-discrimination legislation and will promote equality in its staffing decisions.</p> <p>All decisions, including advertising of vacancies, shortlisting, selection, induction, appraisal, training, development, promotion, terms and conditions of employment, dismissal, and pay will be based on an objective and fair assessment of school requirements. The only personal characteristics which will be taken into account, will be those which are necessary for the requirements and proper performance of the work involved. There will be no generalised concepts or assumptions about the characteristics of groups.</p> <p>The Governing Body will wherever possible make reasonable adjustments to recruitment processes, working conditions or the working environment, to help overcome practical difficulties created by applicants or members of staff who have a disability.</p> <p>The over-riding premise that will be adhered to in matters of equality, by all governors and staff in the school, is that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect whatever their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.</p> <p>All applicants are invited to indicate whether they have any special requirements to enable them to submit an application.</p>

Information about the recruitment and selection process:	
<i>Closing date for applications</i>	<p>Please email your completed application form to recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk by Monday 31 March 2025. If you intend to email the equality monitoring form, please send in a separate email to recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk with the title: 'Confidential - equality monitoring form'.</p> <p>If you submit your application form by post, please return the equality monitoring form in a sealed envelope along with your application.</p> <p>If you would like confirmation that your application has been received, please contact the school on 023 9236 4399 or email: recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk</p>
<i>Interview date:</i>	To be advised.
Employment checks required:	
1	Fully completed application form.
2	Rehabilitation of Offenders Act declaration.
3	Online searches.
4	Right to work in the UK.
5	Disclosure and Barring Service check.
6	Employment history including explanation of any gaps.
7	Proof of academic and professional qualifications.
8	Occupational Health check.
9	Professional character references.
10	TRA check.

If you have any questions about the detail contained within this document or any other aspect of the information sent to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School policies including the Recruitment Policy and Equality Policy are available on request.



Job Description – Teacher of Geography (Maternity Cover – September 2025)

Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement and deliver an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils and to support a designated curriculum area, as appropriate. To monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils as a teacher/Form Tutor. To facilitate and encourage a learning experience which provides pupils with the opportunity to achieve their individual potential. To contribute to raising standards of pupil attainment. To share and support the school's responsibility to provide and monitor opportunities for personal and academic growth.
Reporting to:	Subject Leader.
Responsible for:	The provision of a full learning experience and support for pupils.
Liaising with:	Headteacher, Leadership Team line manager, teaching staff, relevant support staff, LEA representatives, external agencies and parents.
Working time:	195 days/1265 hours directed time per year. Full-time.
MAIN (CORE) DUTIES	
Operational/ Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in the development of appropriate syllabuses, resources, schemes of work, marking policies and teaching strategies in the Department or Curriculum Area. To contribute to the Subject Area's Strategic Plan and its implementation. To plan and prepare courses and lessons. To contribute to the whole school's planning activities.
Curriculum Provision:	To assist the Subject Leader, the Leadership Team line manager, to ensure that the subject area provides a range of teaching which complements the school's priorities particularly boys and able pupils.
Curriculum Development:	To assist in the process of curriculum development and change so as to ensure the continued relevance to the needs of pupils, examining and awarding bodies and the school's Strategic Themes.
Staffing Staff Development: Recruitment / Deployment of Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take part in the school's staff development programme by participating in arrangements for further training and professional development. To continue personal development in the relevant areas including subject knowledge and teaching methods. To engage actively in the Performance Management Review process. To ensure the effective/efficient deployment of classroom support. To work as a member of a designated team and to contribute positively to effective working relations within the school.
Quality Assurance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to the process of monitoring and evaluation of the subject area in line with agreed school procedures, including evaluation against quality standards and performance criteria. To seek/implement modification and improvement, where required. To review from time to time methods of teaching and programmes of work. To take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the school.
Management Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain appropriate records and to provide relevant accurate and up to date information for the SIMS management system. To complete the relevant documentation to assist in the tracking of pupils. To track pupil progress and use information to inform teaching and learning.
Communications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate effectively with the parents of pupils as appropriate. Where appropriate, to communicate and co-operate with persons or bodies outside the school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To follow agreed policies for communications in the school.
Marketing and Liaison:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings and liaison events with partner schools. • To contribute to the development of effective subject links with external agencies.
Management of Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the process of the ordering and allocation of equipment and materials. • To assist the Subject or Curriculum Leader to identify resource needs and to contribute to the efficient/effective use of physical resources. • To co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the school, department and the pupils.
Pastoral System:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a Tutor to an assigned group of pupils. • To promote the general progress and well-being of individual pupils and of the Tutor Group as a whole. • To liaise with a Year Leader to ensure the implementation of the school's Pastoral System. • To register pupils , accompany them to assemblies, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life. • To evaluate and monitor the progress of pupils and keep up to date pupil records as may be required. • To contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and progress files and other reports. • To alert the appropriate staff to problems experienced by pupils and to make recommendations as to how these may be resolved. • To communicate, as appropriate, with the parents of pupils and with persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual pupils , after consultation with the appropriate staff. • To contribute to PSHE and citizenship and enterprise according to school policy. • To apply the Behaviour Management policy so that effective learning can take place. • To meet with the Year Leader once per term to liaise over the progress of pupils.
Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To teach, pupils according to their educational needs, including the setting and marking of work to be carried out by the pupil in school and elsewhere. • To assess, record and report on the attendance, progress, development and attainment of pupils and to keep such records as are required. • To provide, or contribute to, oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual pupils and groups of pupils . • To ensure that ICT, Literacy, Numeracy, Assessment for Learning and school subject specialism(s) are reflected in the teaching/learning experience of pupils. • To undertake a designated programme of teaching. • To ensure a high-quality learning experience for pupils which meets internal and external quality standards.

Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare and update subject materials. • To use a variety of delivery methods which will stimulate learning appropriate to pupil needs and demands of the syllabus. • To maintain discipline in accordance with the school's procedures and to encourage good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework. • To undertake assessment of pupils as requested by external examination bodies, departmental and school procedures. • To mark, grade and give written/verbal and diagnostic feedback as required.
Safeguarding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that all school and county child protection and safeguarding policies are adhered to and concerns are raised in accordance with these policies. • To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all children and young persons the postholder is responsible for and comes into contact with.

Other Specific Duties: (to be discussed with Subject Leaders and Year Leaders before final job descriptions are issued)

- To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission and ethos and to encourage staff and pupils to follow this example.
- To support the school in meeting its legal requirements for worship.
- To promote actively the school's corporate policies.
- To continue personal development, as agreed.
- To comply with the school's Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate.
- To undertake any other duty as specified by STPCB not mentioned in the above.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from an associated line management Leader to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

This job description is current at the date shown, but following consultation with you, may be changed by Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

Date: March 2025



Person Specification: Teacher of Geography

Qualification	Essential/ Desirable	Application	Reference	Interview	Lesson Observation
Good academic prowess evidenced through grades and qualifications	Essential	*			
Qualified Teacher Status specialising in the teaching of Geography to GCSE Level, or relevant teaching course leading to QTS	Essential	*			
Skills, Knowledge and Aptitude					
Good methodology and classroom practice	Essential		*		*
An ability and commitment to work as a team member	Essential	*	*		
A commitment to supporting the work of tutoring	Essential	*	*		
Good classroom and management skills	Essential		*		*
Recent and relevant training attended	Desirable	*	*		
Extra-curricular interest and opportunity	Desirable	*	*	*	
Personal Attributes					
Hardworking, creative, enthusiastic and keen for new challenges	Essential	*	*	*	
Good communication skills	Essential	*	*	*	*
Good inter-personal skills	Essential		*	*	*
A flexible approach	Essential		*		
Safeguarding Children					
The candidate demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	Essential	*		*	
Equality					
The candidate demonstrates an understanding of and promotes the principles of equality and diversity	Essential	*		*	

*= will be evidenced at interview/application form/reference/lesson observation



Dear Applicant

Equality Monitoring

Thank you for your interest in the Subject Leader for Geography vacancy at this school. The school operates an equality policy to ensure that all staff and applicants receive fair and equal treatment at all times. As part of this policy it is essential that we monitor the profile of our applicants in relation to their age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The equalities monitoring form is designed to record and monitor the relevant data for this monitoring process. I would be very grateful if you could complete the form located in the Vacancies section of the website under 'Applications Forms and Equalities Monitoring Form' and return it to me.

The information on this form will be used for statistical purposes only and will not form any part of a record on you as an individual unless you are subsequently appointed to the school, in which case it may be held as part of a computerised personnel record on the school's HR system which is available for your inspection.

I am making this request in accordance with the recommendations of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. However, if you wish to discuss the content of the form or the use of the data, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Carlyle
Headteacher



Job Hazard Form

This form highlights hazards related to the role that could pose a risk to the post holder.

Role Title: **Teacher of Geography (Maternity Cover)**

Manual Handling

The types of manual handling operation involved in this role are *objects*.

These manual handling operations are required on an *infrequent basis*.

The weights involved in these manual handling operations are *up to 6-10kg*.

Display Screen Equipment

This role will require the postholder to be a Display Screen Equipment User. This will involve use of a *laptop/desktop computer, virtual learning platform*.

Job Characteristics

This role involves working with children and young people *between 11 and 16 years old*. This role also involves working with children and young people with special needs including those with physical disabilities.

This role also has potential to involve *verbal abuse and/or aggression* and this is likely on an *infrequent basis*. The role is also likely to require behaviour management interventions for which the postholder will be trained

Work Equipment/Machinery

This role also involves working with computers

Driving

This role may require the postholder to drive *a mini bus/their own vehicle* for work purposes, on a *voluntary basis, following appropriate training if necessary*.

COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

This role may require the postholder to *change printer toner cartridges* on an *occasional basis*.

Applicants should be aware that where roles are exposed to hazardous risks, risk assessments are undertaken and control measures are put into place where possible.



Policy Statement

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