



**North East
Learning Trust**

**Catering Assistant
Ashington Academy**
Applicant information pack

Catering Assistant

Required as soon as possible

25 hours, Term Time plus 5 additional days

SCP 3 (FTE £24,796) actual salary £14,850

Permanent

Ashington Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust and is seeking to appoint a Catering Assistant to join our dedicated team.

At Ashington Academy, we aim to provide opportunities to enable all students to learn and make lifelong friendships in a caring, supportive environment. In becoming successful learners, we want all our students to develop a love of learning, to recognise that learning is a lifelong activity and that the skills they acquire and develop are transferrable.

Our vision, along with all schools in the Trust, is that every child experiences excellence every day.

We are committed to:

- A vibrant learning community with enthusiastic and engaging students
- A positive and caring ethos
- An excellent learning environment and resources
- A team of hardworking, dedicated and friendly staff where everyone is valued

We will offer you:

- National Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Local Government Pension Scheme
- 1 day paid leave for staff wellbeing each year
- Lifestyle Savings – range of discounts from top retail brands
- Discounted gym membership
- 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme and wellbeing portal

The successful candidate will:

- Excellent communication skills.
 - Excellent organisational skills and the ability to work without close supervision.
 - The ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Flexible/positive attitude to work

Deadline:

Monday 3 November 2025

Interviews taking place week commencing 3 November 2025.

How to apply:

Application packs can be downloaded from our website.

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and we expect all staff to share this commitment. All posts will be subject to receipt of satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure, medical and reference checks. All pre-employment checks are in line with "Keeping Children Safe in Education" and the Trust's Safeguarding Policy which is available on our website.



Job description

Post title: Catering Assistant
Responsible to: Catering Manager
Salary Band: SCP3

Job Purpose:

To assist in the preparation and delivery of the school catering services. To work as part of the catering team and assist in the preparation and delivery of the school catering services. To carry out all duties to the required high standards of food hygiene/handling and safe working practices

Duties and Responsibilities:

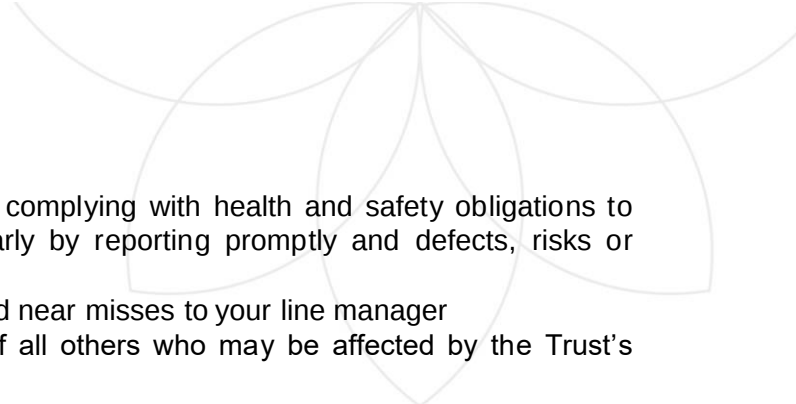
- To assist the Cook with the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages
- To carry out all duties with a regard to health and safety for others and oneself, ensuring correct protective clothing is used.
- Assist with the delivery storage and management of food stocks in line with Health and Safety and hygiene regulations
- Serve meals, snacks and beverages, ensuring hygiene/food handling procedures are observed at all times to safeguard the health and wellbeing of users of the service.
- Thoroughly and effectively clean kitchen and dining room areas and equipment as required ensuring appropriate cleaning products etc are used to ensure hygiene standards are maintained.
- Clean up spillages on tables and floors and clear food trays and cutlery away, quickly and effectively, in line with school health and hygiene procedures.
- Operate the dishwasher following correct usage procedures to ensure optimum results.
- To wash up dishes etc in compliance with correct procedures to ensure hygiene standards are maintained.
- Maintain accident records as required
- Ability to present oneself as a role model to students in speech, dress, behaviour and attitude.
- Role requires working with a team
- Work in a manner that complies with all current and legislative requirements.
- To attend any training course relevant to the post, ensuring continuing, personal and professional development.
- The Post holder may undertake any other duties that are commensurate with the post.

General

The duties and responsibilities highlighted in this Job Description are indicative and may vary over time. Post holders are expected to undertake other duties and responsibilities relevant to the nature, level and extent of the post and the grade has been established on this basis.

Health and Safety:

It is the responsibility of individual employees at every level to take care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts at work. This includes co-



operating with the Trust and colleagues in complying with health and safety obligations to maintain a safe environment and particularly by reporting promptly and defects, risks or potential hazards. Specifically:

- To report any incidents/accidents and near misses to your line manager
- To ensure own safety and safety of all others who may be affected by the Trust's business

Safeguarding

The Trust has a Child Safeguarding policy and procedure in place and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students, each student's welfare is of paramount importance to us and you are expected to share this commitment. All staff will fully comply with the Trust's policies and procedures, attend appropriate training, inform the Designated Person of any concerns, record any potential safeguarding incidents appropriately.



Person specification

Catering Assistant

	Essential	Desirable
Education/training	Good basic literacy and numeracy skills	Evidence of recent training and/or qualifications NVQ1 or equivalent in catering Basic Food Hygiene Certificate
Experience	Experience of working in a catering environment Knowledge of health and safety considerations relating to catering work	Knowledge of COSHH regulations Experience of working in a school
Aptitude and skills	Ability to work under pressure. Ability to prioritise tasks accordingly Good organisational skills •	
Personal qualities	Approachable and courteous manner Excellent communication skills Flexible approach to work Able to work effectively as part of a team Self-motivation and able to work independently with minimum supervision Sensitive towards the needs of clients and colleagues Good Health and Attendance record Honest and Reliable Willingness to undergo further training Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children	

References:

References will be requested prior to interview, except for non-teaching roles where there are exceptional circumstances, and the applicant does not give consent to do so on the application form.



DBS:

North East Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An application for a DBS certificate will be submitted for all candidates once they have been offered the position. For posts in regulated activity, the DBS check will include a barred list check. During the recruitment process, any offences, or other matters relevant to the position will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure.

Pre-occupational health:

Pre-occupational health checks are an essential part of the selection and recruitment process to assess if any reasonable adjustments are required.

Equal opportunities:

We are an equal opportunity employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applicants from all sections of the community.

Applicants with disabilities will be granted an interview if the essential job criteria are met.

