

# Housekeeper/ Cleaner Applicant information



# About us



## THE KING'S SCHOOL

King's is an academically selective, co-educational independent school originally founded in 1541 for the 'poor and friendless' children of Chester. Almost 500 years later, King's is a thriving, dynamic and forward-thinking school of 1100 pupils that is considered to be one of the very best of its kind in the country.

At King's we aim to make the very most of every individual student in the school, both academically as a selective school with a great tradition of scholarship, but also in terms of character development, confidence and wellbeing. This is achieved by a broad curriculum, extensive co-curricular programme, excellent pastoral care and highly committed and professional staff. We want our pupils to remember their time at school with real fondness whilst relishing the prospect of successfully making their mark on the world and leaving it a better place.

The school enjoys a spacious and well-resourced site on the southern outskirts of Chester, having moved from a city centre location in 1960. Our state-of-the-art infant school, Willow Lodge, was built 6 years ago with the Junior School being impressively extended a year beforehand. There is a major site development plan in progress for the Senior School, including the recent construction of a new £5million Sports Centre, The Rohan Ingley Pastoral Centre and the imminent redevelopment of the sixth form centre. The school retains close links with Chester Cathedral where it holds regular services, including a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas.

King's comprises the Senior School (ages 11-18), the Junior School (ages 7-11) and the Infant School (Willow Lodge, ages 3-7). There are currently 768 pupils in the Senior School (220 in the Sixth Form), 220 pupils in the Junior School and 114 in the Infants, supported by almost 250 staff (teaching and support).

Further information about the school can be found on our website: www.kingschester.co.uk

# THE ROLE AND OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for a conscientious and experienced cleaner to join The King's School Chester on a part time, permanent basis.

The successful applicant will play a pivotal role supporting the safe environment for our pupils and staff

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Cleaning your designated area within the school site (you may be asked to assist in other areas of as required).
- Vacuuming carpeted areas and washing floors
- Using electrically powered scrubbing and polishing machines (full training provided)
- Emptying and cleaning bins
- Cleaning of:
  - desks, seats and skirting boards
  - toilet areas and replenishing toiletries
  - o doors and windows
  - Spillages
- Checking stock levels of cleaning materials
- Report all defects/hazards immediately to the Cleaning Supervisor

#### Requirements

#### Essential

- Previous cleaning experience
- A reasonable level of fitness
- Be punctual, reliable and trustworthy
- Able to manage time effectively and a willingness to help others
- Ability to work both alone and as part of a team
- Awareness of health and safety procedures

#### Desirable

- Awareness of Safer systems of work
- Awareness of Safeguarding in a school setting

Additional working hours may become available to suit, including peak time cover, daytime and weekends. Overtime is also available depending on school cover.

We are a friendly and supportive organisation with great staff and great environment. If you enjoy working as part of a team, are looking for job satisfaction with high standards, then you will enjoy working here at The King's School, Chester.



#### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

Our core working hours for this role are **Monday to Friday between 4pm and 9pm, All Year Round** . The number of hours to be worked can be discussed at interview.

In return you will receive:

- A full time equivalent salary of £18,278 per annum (£9.50 per hour) (actual salary for 20 hours per week is £9,880 per annum)
- All uniform and equipment provided
- Full training with annual updates
- Health and wellbeing and employee assistance programmes
- Scottish Widows Group Personal Pension Plan, if applicable
- Cycle to work scheme
- Free gym access
- Free swimming pool access

The role is deemed to be in regulated activity with a moderate level of contact with children on a day to day basis.

IMPORTANT - The King's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment are required to undertake screening relevant to the post, including checks with past employers and the Enhanced DBS check. In line with our commitments to safeguarding, the King's School uses preferred agencies and is unable to work with any agencies where Terms of Business have not been agreed by both parties prior to an engagement.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy can be found on our School Website.

## THE PROCESS

Candidates for this post should send completed application forms to <a href="mailto:recruitment@kingschester.co.uk">recruitment@kingschester.co.uk</a> by 9am on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 .

A curriculum vitae alone will **not** be accepted in place of the completed application form but we will accept this pending the completion of an application form if shortlisted for an interview.

Interviews to be arranged at a time of your convenience.

Our recruitment team are available to discuss the role informally with prospective candidates and can be contacted via <a href="mailto:alb@kingschester.co.uk">alb@kingschester.co.uk</a> or 01244 689 496/ 495.

We look forward to hearing from you.