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Graduate Learning Support Assistant with Aspirations to Teach (Schools Direct) **Learning Support Assistant (Sept 2018 - Aug 2019) School Direct Trainee (Sept 2019 – July 2020)**

The year as a Learning Support Assistant is salaried but the year as a school direct trainee is a training year and not salaried. It is also subject to a university-style fee for the year but, like university, you are also eligible for a training bursary or scholarship and can apply for the same financial support, such as student loans. More details can be found on the website www.teachaaa.co.uk

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the above post.

These are exciting times for our school. I find myself in the wonderful position of leading a happy, friendly school, a committed and dedicated team of staff with lovely surroundings and classroom environments.

We believe that this position represents an exciting opportunity for a person with a degree who wishes to gain some further experience as a teaching assistant for 1 year at our school whilst at the same time applying to join the Schools Direct (SD) route into the teaching profession. Our school is an active contributor to a local teaching school's alliance and we have many years' experience in successfully supporting applicants who have applied for the School's Direct teacher training programme. (And all have successfully obtained teacher posts after training with us.)

If successful with your SD application, we would support you through the year of training by offering a placement here at Portway Junior School as a School Direct trainee. More details about the year can be found on our alliance website at www.teachaaa.co.uk

We are seeking to appoint a capable and dedicated person with enthusiasm and energy who is eager to contribute to our school and is committed to further develop themselves by learning from others from within our supportive and friendly team. We very much look forward to welcoming a new person to our team who can bring in new skills and offer new perspectives.

If this opportunity interests you then please contact me to arrange a visit or to ask any questions about the role. I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely

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