**Primary Learning Support Assistant, The Arbor School –**

***Immediate Start***

The Arbor School seeks a special individual for an exciting opportunity that has arisen within our school. The successful candidate will play a key role in fulfilling the school’s ecological and sustainability vision, as well as challenging students to fulfil their potential within the academic disciplines. The Arbor School are seeking a highly motivated **Learning Support Assistant** to join the Primary School immediately.

***Enough For All, For Ever***

*The Arbor School opened in 2018 with a very different vision of what education could and should be – experiential, authentic and inspired by the natural beauty, human ingenuity, and profound ecological and social challenges of the Arabian Peninsula.*

*The cultivation of a learning community uniquely committed to understanding and restoring the health of ecological and human communities as interconnected parts of a whole requires equal parts optimism, ambition, and humility. A fundamental belief in the inherit goodness of people and their capacity to act with empathy and compassion underscores the sense of hope that is fundamental to learning for a sustainable future. The resilience and determination to tackle challenges that have grown to global proportion is essential to finding sustainable solutions and orchestrating the social changes needed to grow them to scale. The realisation that comes from recognising that we are all students – never a master – drives our commitment to ignite a lifelong love of learning.*

*Recognising the interconnected nature of the cognitive, affective and participative domains, and their roles* *in shaping learning, we are pursuing a holistic approach to teaching and learning, designed to prepare learners:*

* *to understand the interconnected concepts of sustainability, individual and collective well-being, and environmental and social justice;*
* *to find purpose, meaning and joy in their interactions with the natural world and with each other, and to seek to understand people who are different to themselves; and*
* *to experience a sense of accomplishment and self-efficacy through their actions at home, in school and in the wider world.*

An Arbor Support Assistant has the opportunity to be more than an ordinary Support Assistant, as they will develop their professional skills and knowledge in an extraordinary learning environment. The Arbor Support Assistant is committed to the ethos of the school, instilling an understanding of the interconnectedness of our world through the concepts of ecoliteracy, a passion for the prudent use of resources in our drive towards sustainable lifestyles, and a profound sense of justice for all that inhabit our earthly household. The education of an Arbor student does not stop at the classroom door, and therefore an Arbor employee values the learning experiences that occur in the learning garden, with our animals, inside the greenhouse, inside the biodomes or within the reflection garden, as much as they value a student’s progress in numeracy or literacy.

**JOB SUMMARY**

The Arbor School seeks experienced individuals for an exciting opportunity within our unique school. The successful applicants will complement and support the delivery of the curriculum and to support students’ learning across a range of subjects and settings, and to lead the learning where appropriate in a classroom under the direction of the class teacher, utilising the school’s extraordinary learning spaces.

Integrated with the rigorous expectations of the English National Curriculum, the curriculum of the Arbor School is a blend of a knowledge rich curriculum, delivered using constructivist approaches that nurture competencies learners need to care for themselves, for others and for the environment. This includes a critical focus on inquiry and place-based styles learning.

**THE ARBOR PROMISE**

Arbor employees are a part of a community which is inclusive, fun-loving, and active. Arbor employees enjoy authentic friendships with their colleagues, positive relationships with school leaders, who care for their wellbeing, and are a team in the true sense. Arbor employees are resilient in the face of challenge, are stable and calm in the face of change, and creative and flexible when solving problems. Arbor employees bring their passions and interests to enrich our school and are clear that there is an expectation to do so. We commit to meeting agreed deadlines, to communicating proactively with an assumption of positive intent and share a passion to provide an education of the highest quality to our students.

**REQUIRED CANDIDATE PROFILE**

* Very Good English language skills
* A recognised and appropriate teaching assistant qualification:
  + Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
  + Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education
  + T Level in Education
* IELTS score at advanced level 6.5 to 8.0
* Strong office/admin experience
* Bachelor’s Degree in education and/or relevant field or LSA qualification is preferred.
* Key Stage 2 experience is preferred
* Two years’ experience working in a school or similar setting.
* Experience in working with English National Curriculum
* Experience working in an international, premium quality school

**REMUNERATION:**

Competitive tax-free salary and end of contract gratuity as per the UAE labour law.

**APPLICATION:**

To apply for this position please send your application to [recruitment@thearborschool.ae](mailto:recruitment@thearborschool.ae) , with the subject header ‘**Learning Support Assistant – *your name***’ and attach:

* An up-to-date CV with a recent photograph to be included.
* A letter of application, no longer than two pages in length, which outlines your educational philosophy and suitability for the Arbor School.

The Arbor School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all the students in our care and expects all applicants to share this commitment. We hold ourselves to a high standard of effective safer recruiting practices with specific attention to child protection. All appointments are subject to CV and qualification checks, interview, identity checks, criminal record checks, and successful references.

*All appointments are subject to the approval of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority and the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation.*