



SITE AGENT

FULL OR PART TIME

FLEXIBLE HOURS

NJC Level 3D, SCP 7 - 11 £20,092 - £21,748

At Sheffield Lower School we are seeking to appoint a hard-working, committed and enthusiastic Site Agent. Successful candidates will be supporting the Site Manager in providing efficient services and processes that allow the whole school to operate in a clean, safe and healthy environment.

Key tasks will include security of premises, assisting in general maintenance, health and safety checks, tests and record keeping, portage, cleaning and supervision of cleaning staff. Experience of working in a similar environment is desirable but training will be given.

We are looking for someone who is flexible with their working pattern being prepared to work split shifts or on a rotational basis of mornings/afternoons. By starting at 7.00 am or finishing at 6.00 pm gives plenty of scope to be able to pursue personal interests during the day. On occasions there may be a requirement to lock up after lettings later in the evening.

Full time hours are 37 per week, including school holidays, although we would also be pleased to hear from candidates who only wish to work between 20 and 37 hours per week.

Sheffield Lower School is an excellent, thriving, friendly and values-based school with over 500 children on roll. Our school offers a very well-resourced and vibrant learning environment for both children and staff to develop and achieve their potential. We pride ourselves in our community and a warm school family.

Closing Date: Friday, 25th February 2022

Interview Date: TBA

Interested applicants should complete an application form which is available on our School Website. Visits to the school are welcomed – please contact Paula Hudson on 01462 629123 to arrange a visit.

All staff are required to follow our policies and procedures working in line with the ethical framework and values of the school.

Sheffield Lower School is committed to safeguarding children and all appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check



Weekly Update

Friday 11th February 2022



Please email schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk if you require support in accessing this newsletter in an alternative format.

Dear Families & Friends,

It's half term and lots to feel good about. Not least the wonderfully positive consultations that took place this week with teachers. We are sorry that we have had to move Peach Class session, and recognise this is not ideal. Unfortunately many schools have experienced challenges with absences and we feel fortunate that this was minimal for Sheffield Lower. This is in no small part to our wonderful community keeping strong measures in place to reduce the impact of Covid in our school. Thank you for your assistance.

This week we say a sad goodbye to two staff who are moving on. Mrs DeLuca, who many of you will know from her fantastic cooking videos during lockdown, and many more from her caring support of children in our nursery, leaves us for pastures new when she relocates up north. Good luck Mrs DeLuca. We also say goodbye to Mrs Woods in Elm Class. In her short time with us, we have valued the caring, child focussed support of Mrs Woods and wish her well in her fantastic new university job.

We welcome Mrs Tutaj in Elm Class after half term, and Miss Gibbs who has already started working in our nursery.

After half term we will be dancing! We have an 'All About 2' themed danceathon sponsorship to raise money for the Gorgeous George appeal. The children will dance for 22 minutes at 22 minutes past 2 on the 22.2.22. The money from today's 'extra' non-uniform will also be given to this appeal. Thank you for your generosity. As parents we know how important this appeal is and as a school, the act of charity is one that we teach children within our 'life learning' curriculum and is part of our values.

Bikeability is happening today, and as I write, I have encountered a very excited group of year 4 children. It is crucial to keep our children safe at all times. We do this in a number of ways, such as reducing speed in our carpark, or limiting dangerous parking. However, outside of school we teach them to understand the dangers presented to them on the roads, if they encounter strangers and of course with online harms. Children can be approached in a number of ways, and it is vital that adults stay vigilant to the potential vulnerabilities. If you would like more information on ways to stay safe, please do use the links we regularly share, and on our website, but also feel free to talk to staff in school at anytime. Mrs Parry our family support worker is tasked with helping families with all queries, and we always say that no matter is ever too small.

Our wonderful PSA have, despite the challenges of a pandemic, had a super year. This has enabled them to continue to support all the 'extras' that children across the school can enjoy. As you are aware, they recently contributed to the pantomime that all of the children enjoyed. This spring, they are funding a 'WoW' event for all of the children. This will involve animals in school and support the learning we link to Forest School, as well as stimulate lots of writing afterwards. The enjoyment of school is a clear focus within our FLOURISH ethos, and it is through the PSA that we can offer the immersive room, with its ongoing costs of upkeep. Outside learning is also always a focus, as it supports how children learn in a healthy and happy way. The outside classroom needs plants, and the PSA have agreed to source donations to fill these planters. They are also fully funding playground trolleys with a range of equipment to encourage positive playtime and interactions. This also supports behaviour on our playground and healthy activity. A big thank you to our PSA.



A longer term project that they are beginning is to raise for our dinosaur trail, which is phase of our Museum and Art Gallery. This project and the team leading in school is aimed at ensuring children have access to resources that are culturally rich, knowledge based and provide a wider experience not just for those who can afford to access trips, venues and experiences— accessible to all, and in time to the wider community as it grows.

As we return, we hope that the restrictions easing will mean we can have greater autonomy in school and reinstate some of the events and parent activities that you appreciate and we all miss.

Have a wonderful half term.

Regards

Mrs Pamela Finch



Values

The values of February will be Love & Kindness

"Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward knowing someday someone will do the same for you." Princess Diana.

What is love? How it is shown through our acts of kindness, and being thoughtful to one another.

House Points and Attendance

W/E 28/01/22

House Points

Fire—605
Air—515
Water—481
Earth—446

House Attendance & Punctuality Winner

Earth



Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123
Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbusters

Myth: "It doesn't matter if I haven't got time to read with child."

Buster: OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers. Reading is fundamental to a child's development.

If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report.

The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500

NHS Healthy Scanner App

Lunchbox tips



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts towards your child's 5 A Day!



Tuna and bean salad

For this recipe please follow this link

[Lunchbox](#)

[Recipe](#)



Thank you for your kind donations so far. We have added some more items to our Amazon wish list that will greatly benefit your children with their learning this year. If you would like to purchase a book for our school please click [here](#)

Gorgeous George One Big Fight



DANCEATHON!

Amount raised for non uniform £XXXX

We are holding a Sponsored Danceathon on the 22nd February 2022 where each class will be dancing for 22 minutes to raise money for the Gorgeous George—One Big Fight appeal.

Please look out for Sponsor forms in your child's book bags.

Thank you for your support

Link to the Gorgeous George fundraising page is here

https://www.gofundme.com/f/GorgeousGeorgeOneBigFight?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

Weekly Good News Calls

Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

<u>Reception</u>	Plum—Noah, Pear—Jake
<u>Year 1</u>	Holly—Nivya, Sycamore—Joseph, Chestnut—Isha
<u>Year 2</u>	Maple—Michelle, Oak—Evie, Willow—Beau
<u>Year 3</u>	Cedar—Sonny, Elm—Jacey-Mae,
<u>Year 4</u>	Hazel—Frankie, Ash—Lexi, Beech—Sisi



Shefford Sporting Successes

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

Air House	Sienna—Gymnastics, Jenevieve—Dance, Alyssa-May—Football, Laila—Swimming
Earth House	Layton—Swimming, Katie—Gymnastics, Poppy—Gymnastics, Livvie—Gymnastics
Fire House	Cara—Gymnastics, Rose—Trampolining
Water House	Leo—Football, Annie—Gymnastics, Archie—Basketball



Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

<u>Reception</u>	Henry, Macie, Elsie, Teddy, Bella & Olivia
<u>Year 1</u>	Jayda, Connie, Heidi, Anella & Furqan
<u>Year 2</u>	Reuben, Reagan, Ayaz, Oliver, Lana & Beau
<u>Year 3</u>	Mark, Isabella, Jake, Jacey-Mae, Shiron, George & Max
<u>Year 4</u>	Ekam, Isla, Maia, Ashley, Lily-Joyce & Jackson



WANTED - NEW GOVERNORS

What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills, and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We want you –

We are currently looking for new Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

1. An interest in the performance of the school.
 2. A desire to contribute to and represent the community.
 3. An open and enquiring mind
 4. The ability to look at issues objectively
 5. The confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
 6. A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
 7. The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare



Everyone has something to offer, and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in: • setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement.

1. Monitoring progress towards meeting these targets.
2. Supporting and challenging the performance of the headteacher
3. Deciding policy and future development plans

As well as attending meetings governors are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail. To help support governors, everyone has access to further training to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones.

Please look out on the school Parent Mail for further information or hand you details to the school office. The chair of Governors, Jo Elliott will then be in contact.

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

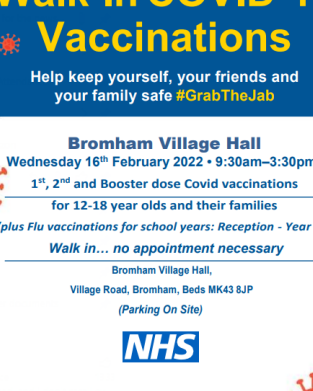
Please note, the following events/activities are run independently of Shefford Lower.

[Jack Collison Soccer School »](#)
SHEFFORD HALF TERM CAMP

Click for more information

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Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccinations

Help keep yourself, your friends and your family safe [#GrabTheJab](#)

Bromham Village Hall
Wednesday 16th February 2022 : 9:30am-3:30pm
1st, 2nd and Booster dose Covid vaccinations
for 12-18 year olds and their families
(plus Flu vaccinations for school years: Reception - Year 11)

Walk in... no appointment necessary

Bromham Village Hall,
Village Road, Bromham, Beds MK43 8JP
(Parking On Site)

NHS

www.essexcoviddvaccine.nhs.uk

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Happy Little Yoga @ Sheffield Lower

Monday February 21st - March 28th / 3.20-4.20pm

Yoga
Meditation
Mindfulness
Breathing

A group of eight children, four boys and four girls, are lying on their backs on a large purple yoga mat. They are arranged in a circle, with their heads pointing towards the center and their legs raised and bent at the knees, forming a star-like shape. They are all wearing blue long-sleeved shirts and white leggings. The mat is placed on a wooden floor.

Your guide to

Memory
Dance
Movement
Sound

enrolling

Go to the following link : <https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/after-school-club>
Fill out the enrolment form & make payment within 48 hours to reserve your space.
Any enquiries please email: iane@happylittleyogi.com

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**Booster Cushion Theatre
for Children presents**

**Big Goldilocks and the
Three Bears Plus**

Wed 16 Feb
11am & 2pm at
Sheffield Town
Memorial Hall

Ideal for families with
children aged 4-9

Show lasts approx. 40mins
please bring your own rug
or picnic blanket to sit on
in the Hall

Tickets cost £2 each
(family discounts available)

Buy online at
<https://bit.ly/CBCLibrariesEvents>
or in person at Sheffield Library



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**Wed 16 Feb 11am & 2pm
at STMA, Sheffield Town Memorial Hall**

This fun retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears is ideal for families with children aged 4-9. The comical story is retold through a massive 6ft tall book complete with pop ups and props coming out of the book!

Show lasts approx. 40mins

Please bring your own cushions or picnic blanket to sit on in the hall

Tickets cost £2 each (family tickets available)
Buy online at
<https://bit.ly/CBCLibrariesEvents>
or in person at Sheffield Library

A cartoon illustration of Goldilocks, a young girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a yellow shirt and blue overalls, standing next to three teddy bears of different sizes (large, medium, and small) and a small basket. They are all smiling.

For tickets to this event, please follow this link



News Central

Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Ivel Valley Early Help Bulletin

RELATIONSHIPS SHOULDN'T HURT

SAFE SPACE

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!



BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership brings together key agencies across Bedfordshire to raise awareness about domestic abuse and unhealthy relationships, to deliver services to support those affected by abuse and to work together to improve our local response.

As a Partnership, we understand that men, women, transgender and LGBTQ+ individuals have different needs, and our response will be appropriate to your need. It is important to us that all survivors of domestic abuse are provided with appropriate and tailored support in order to rebuild their lives.

WWW.BEDSDV.ORG.UK

WWW.TWITTER.COM/BEDSDV

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BEDSDV

BDAP@CENTRALBEDFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/BEDSDOMESTICABUSE_

Coercive Control

What does it look like?

Central Bedfordshire

Coercive control became an offence in December 2015.

This form of Domestic Abuse has been described as "the most dangerous" form of abuse. The victim is made to feel afraid, controlled, dependent, isolated and worthless. Coercive Control can occur between a couple in an intimate relationship or family members. Coercive Control does not have to include violence.

Relationship's Shouldn't Hurt



www.bedsdv.org.uk

This list is not exhaustive; these behaviours are carried out to humiliate and punish the victim; the victim is deprived of their independence and can feel as though they are a hostage; not knowing how the abuser will react to what the victim says or does. The victim is in a constant state of high alert.

If you are afraid of anyone you live with or an ex, please talk to someone you trust. Call National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 anytime. If you are at immediate risk call 999. Visit the BDAP website for local & national services <http://ow.ly/5ryn50GoNjH>

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

Central Bedfordshire



More information about local support services can be found on the Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership website bedsdv.org.uk



Domestic Abuse Awareness Workshop

Join us on our Domestic Abuse Awareness Workshop, and learn how to create a Safe Space in your workplace for staff and clients.

14 workshops to choose from
November 17th 2021 - March 29th 2022

Do you want to help create a safe space in the workplace?

Employers do play a huge role in supporting victims of domestic abuse, by creating a safe space in the workplace to provide a network of support outside of a victim's home. The workplace could be one of the few places where victims feel safe to speak out about what is happening to them.

Through our work with victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence, we know the difference it makes to victims when their employers offer a safe and supportive environment.



Scan me to see all available workshops

Please visit oneymca.org/safe-space-in-the-workplace to find a suitable date for you.



Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

(further dates will be added and these will be in bold italics)

Spring Term 2022

14th—18th February	Half Term
W/C 21st February	Year 3 Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks
<u>3rd March</u>	<u>World Book Day—Come dress as your favourite book character</u>
<u>10th & 12th March</u>	<u>WOW English Project—Safari Stu & Birds of Prey will be visiting the school</u>
14th—18th March	Science Week
16th March	Year 1 Woburn Trip
<u>18th March</u>	<u>Red Nose Day—Noses will be available to buy from class at £1.50</u>
21st March—1st April	Big Walk and Wheel to school days—We want to encourage more families to travel to school actively, to help create healthier and happier communities
30th March—1st April	Year 4 Residential Trip
1st April	Last day of Spring Term
19th April	SUMMER TERM Begins—Children Return
20th & 21st April	<u>National Child Measurement Programme—Reception children.—The School nurse team will be in school for the NCMP—information sent out via Parentmail</u>
27th April	Whole Class Photos
6th June 2022	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The Queen's Platinum

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm for any queries, please call 01462 629123 or email

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>

Please let the office know if you need assistance or adjustments for any disability.

Blue badge holders can access the staff car park.



Please refer to our school website for the Academic Calendar for 2021/2022

[Term Dates Links](#)