

Job Description

Position Details

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| Position: | Catering Assistant x 7 |
| Directorate: | Children, Young People & Families |
| Service: | Catering |
| Position no: | BG01661 / BG01643 / BG14562 / BG14461 / BG01752 / BG01754 / BG01662 |
| Grade: | Scale 2 (£25,989 pro rata per annum) |
| Hours of work: | Various, see advert – 39 weeks of the year |
| Work style: | Service Based Worker – See Job Advert |
| DBS required: | Enhanced Disclosure |
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| Date: | May 2025 |

Politically Restricted? Yes* No

* The position is politically restricted within the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as prescribed in the Local Government Officers (Political Restrictions) Regulations 1990

About the Position

Reporting to: The Cook in charge.

Responsible for: To assist the Cook and Assistant Cook in general duties within the kitchen as required.

Principal Accountabilities

1. To work under the supervision of the Cook and/or Assistant Cook to assist and carry out any instructions given in the preparation, cooking and serving of food or clearing away, washing up, cleaning processes, supporting any transport service if applicable and handling of any cash.
2. To be prepared to work at any reasonable time of day in order to ensure the smooth running of the catering unit.
3. To be prepared to work additional hours as required due to absenteeism/increase in demand for meals.
4. To be able to travel to any school kitchen as required to provide cover for all catering assistant posts within Blaenau Gwent.
5. To undertake any training considered necessary for the post.
6. Due to the nature of school catering, the timing of annual leave is subject to special arrangements for employees; you are required to take leave during periods of school closure only and not during term time. Hours may vary due to fluctuation in meal numbers.

7. To be able to travel to any school kitchen as required to provide cover for all catering assistant posts within Blaenau Gwent Catering.
8. To undertake any training considered necessary for the post.
9. To observe any requirements outlined by Blaenau Gwent Catering quality procedures
10. To observe Health and Safety regulations.
11. Any other duties as required.

General Accountabilities

1. To comply with the Council's Policy Statement on Health, Safety and Welfare at Work.
2. To positively promote the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and ensure commitment to anti-discriminatory practice.
3. To demonstrate a commitment to ongoing personal development.
4. To adhere to data protection principles whilst undertaking your duties.
5. To be responsible for undertaking your duties in a way that safeguards and promotes the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk. You must bring issues of concern regarding the safety and welfare of children, young people and adults at risk to the attention of the Safeguarding Officer in your service as soon as you become aware of them.
6. Undertake other duties that may be required of you, commensurate of your grade or general level of responsibility within the organisation.

This job description sets out the main responsibilities of the position at the date it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or the level of responsibility.

Person Specification

| Requirements | Essential (E) / Desirable (D) | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Qualifications | | |
| Food Safety Level 2 | E | A |
| Experience | | |
| Previous experience of working in a catering field | E | PP |
| Knowledge / Skills | | |
| Knowledge of Health & Safety procedures | D | I – PP |
| Motivational skills | D | A – PP |
| Knowledge of Health & Safety Regulations within a catering field | D | A – PP |
| Personal Attributes | | |
| Special Working Conditions / Requirements | | |
| Commitment to term time working hours | E | I |
| Flexible working hours | E | I |
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| Minimum Welsh Language Skill Requirements (Indicated with a tick (✓) below) | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Welsh Language Skills Level 0. Level 1-5 is desirable. Training is optional. | ✓ |
| Welsh Language Skills Level 1 Entry / Courtesy (as a minimum) are desirable and need to be learnt when appointed. Training required: "Welcome Part 1 & 2" (10 hours in total) | |
| Welsh Language Skills Level 1 Entry / Courtesy (as a minimum) are essential. Training required: "Welcome Part 1 & 2" and "Welcome Back Part 1 & 2" (20 hours in total). | |

For further information on the above please refer to the [Welsh Language Skills Guidelines](#)

Welsh language skills requirements beyond the minimum stated above e.g. fluent speaker / proficient writer will be outlined within the person specification under qualifications and skills.

Personal Competencies

All competencies are regarded as essential, although it is recognised that some may be achieved over a period of time. All employees are expected to continually develop their competencies in line with the appropriate framework. In addition to those assessed as part of the recruitment process, competencies will be assessed during the probationary period and through the Council's performance coaching scheme.

| Competencies – Delivering the Service | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Plans ahead, organises work in advance | PP |
| Involves line manager / colleagues in setting and meeting targets | PP |
| Reorganises work when necessary | I – PP |
| Sees tasks through to completion whenever possible | PP |
| Seeks help if workload becomes unmanageable | PP |
| Uses initiative to report issues that arise that impact on others | PP |

| Competencies – Improvement and Change | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Is prepared to try new things & feedback results | PP |
| Understands that changes are needed if things are to be improved | PP |
| Finds new and creative ways of doing things better | A – PP |
| Actively seeks to develop own skills and knowledge | PP |
| Learns from mistakes & welcomes constructive feedback | PP |

| Competencies – Providing Excellent Customer Service | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Recognises the importance of high standards of customer service | I – PP |
| Is committed to providing an excellent service to all the citizens of Blaenau Gwent | A – PP |
| Understands the links between own professionalism and the possible impact on the Authority's image | I – PP |
| Has a professional attitude that sets an example to colleagues | PP |
| Takes pride in own work and that of colleagues | PP |
| Is respectful, courteous and helpful at all times | I – PP |

| Competencies – Team working | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Reacts constructively to others' suggestions and requests | I – PP |
| Recognises potential value of others' opinions and actively seeks their contributions | PP |
| Asks for help when necessary | PP |
| Actively seeks to help others | PP |
| Is aware of the impact of own behaviour on others | PP |

| Competencies – Communicating | Assessment methods: Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P), Test (T), Probationary Period (PP), other please specify |
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| Adapts content and style to help others understand | PP |
| Makes sure that people are regularly informed | PP |
| Uses appropriate language, gestures and tone when talking with others | I – PP |
| Checks others have understood & seeks advice when necessary | PP |
| Actively seeks to improve all forms of communication with others | I – PP |
| Communicates professionally by using formal channels appropriate to the situation | PP |

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