



Secondary Cover Supervisor

Reporting to:	Academic Cover Manager
Start Date:	September 2026
Location:	Ark Victoria Academy, Talbot Way, Small Heath, Birmingham, B10 0HJ
Contract:	Permanent
Working Pattern:	Term time only
Working Hours:	40 hours per week, term-time only
Salary:	Ark Support Grade 6, points 8-19 (£26,824 - £32,061 per annum FTE). The actual salary will be £25,635 - £30,640 per annum.
Closing Date:	29th May 2026

We are currently seeking a Cover Supervisor to join our team of educational support staff in our secondary phase. We are seeking a motivated and organised individual who is passionate about student development and delivering engaging lessons across a range of subjects.

As our Cover Supervisor, you will supervise whole classes during the short-term absence of teachers, giving instructions for the lesson and ensuring good order is maintained and that all pupils are kept on task. You will be instrumental in our mission to provide every student, regardless of their background, a great education and real choices in life.

The successful candidate will:

- deliver engaging pre-planned lessons where required, whilst establishing a constructive, safe and ordered learning atmosphere
- manage the behaviour of pupils whilst they work to ensure a constructive environment
- promote the inclusion of all pupils within the classroom, being aware of and supporting difference, to ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop

If you are ready to add further value to our Secondary Educational Support team and to work alongside a brilliant school leadership team, then you will find this job extremely rewarding.



About Ark Victoria Academy

Ark Victoria Academy provides pupils with an excellent education through an ambitious curriculum, personal development and character programme, and an extensive student experience and extra-curricular offer. Although we are a large school, we are able to retain a family feel, to nurture our pupils through their schooling and ensure that they flourish and leave us with the skills and qualifications necessary to continue their journey of life-long learning in a university or career of their choice.

Our school values are crucial to our culture and ethos, they are also part of the way we work and learn together and have been instrumental to us on our school improvement journey. Our values of Ambition, Resilience and Kindness permeate our curriculum, our culture, school and our learning community.

It is for these reasons that Ark Victoria Academy was judged to be significantly improved in all areas from the 2019 'Good' inspection, by Ofsted, in October 2024: 'this is a school which lives out its values in full for the benefit of children in Nursery to the pupils in Year 11...pupils thrive at all stages of Ark Victoria Academy...as the school knows its pupils very well, they are very well supported to engage with the school's ambitious curriculum.' The full report (September 2024) can be found here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50262921>.

We prioritise staff development with a strong emphasis on securing expert subject knowledge from our teachers, strong teaching and leadership and a focus on excellence for our pupils and staff. Our website can provide more information about Ark Victoria Academy.

Why work for our school?

We value our staff and provide a comprehensive programme of coaching and professional development for all our staff. We use our values and our virtue pathways to shape the way we work and learn together. Hear what our teachers have to say about working at Ark Victoria Academy: <https://arkvictoria.org/jobs/working-for-us>

For an informal, conversation about the role please contact HR on 0121 393 4459 or vichr@arkvictoria.org

Please note the school reserves the right to close this advert early and interviews may take place before the advertised closing date. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early for this role to avoid disappointment.

How to Apply:

Please submit your application online by visiting <https://arkvictoria.org/jobs/vacancies>.



Job Description

Key Responsibilities

- Communicate, distribute and supervise work that has been set by the teacher
- Manage the behaviour of pupils whilst they work to ensure a constructive environment
- Collect any completed work after the lesson and return it to the appropriate teacher
- Report back to the teacher as appropriate using the school's agreed referral procedures on the behaviour of pupils during the class, and any issues arising
- Organise detention duty and supervise detentions as required
- Ensure pastoral support is targeted through hotspot timetables
- Promote the inclusion of all pupils within the classroom, being aware of and supporting difference, to ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- To support the Academic Cover Manager when managing and organising cover for absent staff both teaching and non-teaching
- To support the Academic Cover Manager to organise the appropriate deployment of teachers, supply staff and cover supervisors to cover absences and emergencies within the school day
- To support the Academic Cover Manager in producing a daily cover sheet, using the MIS and updated as required, to relevant areas and staff
- To support the Academic Cover Manager in updating cover as necessary when emergencies occur
- Liaise with Heads of subject to provide support for the department when cover is not required
- To assist in the evaluation of the impact of covered lessons on pupils and throughout the school
- To assist in the creation and maintenance of curriculum resources and creation of visual displays in order to ensure a relevant physical learning environment.
- Make appropriate use of equipment and resources, including ICT
- Provide general clerical/administrative support, e.g. input and retrieval of data into computerised and manual systems, taking registers, etc. as required
- Accompany staff and pupils on educational visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the direction of the teacher/organiser

Other

- Act as a role model and set high expectations of conduct and behaviour
- Actively promote the safety and welfare of our children and young people
- Ensure compliance with Arks data protection rules and procedures
- Liaise with colleagues and external contacts at all levels of seniority with confidence, tact and diplomacy
- Work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to establish good practice throughout the network, offering support where required

This job description is not an exhaustive list and you will be expected to carry out any other reasonable tasks as directed by your line manager.

Ambitious

Resilient

Kind



Person Specification

Qualifications

- Educated to degree level (*desirable*)
- GCSE Maths and English Grade C or above (or equiv)
- NVQ 3 in Supporting Teaching and Learning (or equiv)
- Specialist subject knowledge (*desirable*)

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Experience working with students in a formal setting without immediate supervision
- Experience establishing successful learning relationships with students at the relevant age, treating them consistently with respect and consideration
- Experience in a classroom role including classroom organisation and management, supporting the planning and delivery of the curriculum, implementing behaviour and learning strategies
- Understanding of strategies for teaching and learning
- Ability to undertake a range of teaching activities with confidence, working effectively with individual pupils, groups of pupils and whole classed
- Ability to contribute to assessment and monitoring of pupil progress
- Ability to contribute to planning and preparation of lessons and teaching materials
- Good working knowledge of the national curriculum
- Good numeracy and literacy skills
- Good administrative, organisational and computer skills
- Competent with computers and other technology
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with children and adults
- Able to deal with minor incidents, first aid, and pupil's personal health and hygiene

Behaviours

- Genuine passion for and a belief in the potential of every pupil
- A robust awareness of keeping children safe, noticing safeguarding and welfare concerns, and you understand how and when to take appropriate action
- Belief that every student should have access to an excellent education regardless of background
- Professional outlook, detailed orientated and able to multi task and meet deadlines
- A team player that can work collaboratively as well as using own initiative
- Calm and professional under pressure
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality and discretion
- Flexible attitude towards work and demonstrates sound judgement



Other

- Right to work in the UK
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined [here](#), but can be provided in more detail if requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Principal

I am delighted and proud to welcome you to Ark Victoria Academy, a family school in the heart of Small Heath. I joined our academy in 2019 and am working hard with our pupils and staff to make sure our school continues to improve. We want to provide an excellent education for each and every one of our pupils.



As Principal, it is my responsibility to create an environment in which your child can become a confident, articulate, resilient and kind young adult. Our curriculum, enrichment programme and student experience days, help ensure our pupils learn, thrive and make progress. We are committed to preparing and supporting our pupils to go on to pursue careers they are passionate about, contributing positively to society and living happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

Our school community works hard to ensure our values of being **ambitious**, **resilient** and **kind** underpin our work and are upheld by us all.

We know that all children can and will achieve success and our dedicated staff work hard to nurture, support and provide challenge, to make this a reality. We welcome and value the input of carers and parents; together, we work hard to help realise the dreams and ambitions of our children and their families.

Please take a look around our website to find out what we can offer your child. The best way to really understand our school is to experience it. I would love to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Ms Ela McSorley, Principal



Primary Headteacher

Welcome to the primary Phase of Ark Victoria Academy.

The primary phase begins in Nursery and continues into Reception where we take in 90 pupils each year. We are incredibly proud of the start we give our pupils in Early Years, laying the foundations for the educational journey they will continue through to Year 11.

Our values of ambition, resilience and kindness underpin all the work that we do within our academy. We have high expectations and expect our pupils to work hard in order to achieve their full potential. Our academy is a calm environment where pupils behave well at all times.



Our classrooms are purposeful learning environments where children debate, discuss and develop their ideas with confidence and respect. Reading is at the heart of our academy. We know how important it is that pupils move into Year 7 able to read well. Our love of reading is visible throughout the school and in every classroom. We dedicate time to high quality teaching of reading in every phase, listening to pupils read regularly and developing children's passion for reading at every opportunity.

We pride ourselves on knowing every child in our care and our curriculum is planned, sequenced and delivered with our pupils at its heart. We dedicate time to ensuring pupils develop the core knowledge and skills they need in preparation for secondary school and enrich our learning with a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

We understand the importance of working together with parents and have regular opportunities for parents to come into school. We regularly share ways to help children at home, celebrate the work they have been doing and share information about the progress our pupils are making. We are always available (you will see us on duty every day before and after school!) so please do approach us with any questions you may have.

We feel privileged to be part of an all through academy, preparing our pupils for the secondary phase of their education which builds seamlessly on the work we do in primary. Staff in Year 6 work very closely with Year 7 staff to ensure a positive transition experience when children move into the next phase of their education with us. We ensure that children's individual needs are met, families are supported and our high expectations are maintained. We believe in each of our pupils and we are very proud when we hear of their success as they move into secondary school and beyond.

Mrs Victoria Twort, Primary Headteacher

Being part of the Ark network

Ark is an international charity, transforming lives through education. We exist to make sure that every child, regardless of background, has access to a great education and real choices in life. We know that great schools need great teachers, which is why we offer you the very best training and support at every stage of your career - from starting out as a trainee to running your own school.

Our highly-successful network of 39 schools educates over 20,000 students across Birmingham, Hastings, London and Portsmouth. They are achieving some of the best results in the country despite being largely in areas of historic academic underachievement.

Ark schools prioritise six key principles: high expectations; excellent teaching; exemplary behaviour; depth before breadth; more time for learning; knowing every child.

Ambitious

Resilient

Kind



Ark invests significantly in a number of professional development programmes which complement academy level training:

- The Ark training menu: we have developed a bespoke training menu, which is accessible by all staff in the network offering a wide range of training modules to staff in all roles
- Network support: schools share CPD, allowing us to share best practice and role specific training across the network, facilitated by in-school and central staff
- Ark staff receive 10 training days each year rather than five creating time to collaborate with subject specialists within each school and across the network

Ark is at the forefront of changing education society through education. You can read more about how Ark is transforming lives through education [here](#).

Ark Safer Recruitment Procedure

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its academies. In order to meet this responsibility, its academies follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Disclosure

This post is classified as having substantial access to children, and appointment is subject to an enhanced police check of previous criminal convictions (DBS). Applicants are required, before appointment, to disclose any conviction, caution or binding over including ‘spent convictions’ under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975. Non-disclosure may lead to termination of employment. However, disclosure of a criminal background will not necessarily debar individuals from employment – this will depend upon the nature of the offence(s) and when they occurred.

Reference checking

References from the previous and current employer will be taken up for shortlisted candidates, and where necessary employers may be contacted to gather further information.

Probation

All new staff will be subject to a probation period of six months (which may, in certain circumstances, be extended by up to 10 weeks). The probation period is a trial period, to enable the assessment of an employee’s suitability for the job for which they have been employed. It provides the academy with the opportunity to monitor and review the performance of new staff in relation to various areas, but also in terms of their commitment to safeguarding and relationships with pupils.

