

Headteacher: Taney Howarth

Vacancy for SENCO

Closing Date: Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 5pm

Interview date: Monday 19th May 2025

Start Date: September 2025

Salary: MPS-UPS2 plus SEN1 & TLR2 (depending on experience)

Hours: Full time

We are excited to announce an opportunity for a dedicated and dynamic Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) to join our team at Pinewood School. In this pivotal role, you will lead a team committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of their needs, receive the support they require to thrive. You will work closely with staff, offering guidance and support to maintain our high expectations and inclusive ethos. As SENCO, you will have the chance to shape the strategic development of our SEN policy and provision, working collaboratively with the headteacher.

If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of students and have the skills to inspire and lead, we would love to hear from you.

We cater to approximately 210 pupils in School Years 7 to 11, all of whom have Education, Health, and Care Plans. Our students face a range of learning difficulties, autism, and speech, language, and communication needs. Your expertise will help them develop the confidence and independence they need to thrive in the community.

At Pinewood, our students are at the heart of everything we do, and we are looking for an individual who:

- Believes that students should be central to all decision-making.
- Is hard-working and resilient.
- Demonstrates creativity and a solution-driven approach.
- Possesses strong skills in building and maintaining relationships.
- Embraces challenges with enthusiasm

Qualifications required:

- QTS [note: this is a requirement under the SEND Code of Practice
- National Award for SEN Coordination, or a willingness to complete the NPQ SENCO within 3 years of appointment [note: this is a requirement under the SEND Code of Practice]



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Experience working in a Special School is not a prerequisite. More importantly, we value enthusiasm and a willingness to develop within this exciting, challenging, and rewarding area of education.

Why Pinewood School?

- Students: An opportunity to work with an amazing cohort of pupils
- **New state-of-the-art building**: A brand-new school building, due for completion by late 2025/early 2026.
- Free Parking: Enjoy the convenience of free on-site parking.
- Rural Location: Experience the charm of a peaceful rural setting.
- Employee Wellbeing Services: We offer a comprehensive wellbeing package to support our staff.

If you are ready to work hard, make a valuable impact, and explore how an imaginative curriculum can open up life choices and opportunities for our students, then we would love to hear from you.

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our vision and values.

To arrange a visit or for further information, please contact us at our school office on admin@pinewood.herts.sch.uk or call 01920 412 211, option 2.

Join us in our mission to provide exceptional education and support to our pupils. Apply today to make a difference at Pinewood School!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Taney Howarth

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Headteacher

**Please note that we cannot accept CVs and applications will only be accepted on Pinewood application forms. Please Return application forms to PA to Headteacher at i.morcom@pinewood.herts.sch.uk

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.

Please look at our website for further information about the school: https://www.pinewood.herts.sch.uk