

Debden C of E Primary Academy



We are a thriving village school seeking to appoint an experienced Catering Manager and Kitchen Assistant who have a passion for cooking and providing high quality meals. We are looking for self-motivated individuals who enjoy using their own initiative, as well as working as part of a team, to join us in September. Hours for both roles will be discussed during interview.

CATERING MANAGER

Monday-Friday, term time plus one week

Ideally candidates should hold the Level 3 Food Safety Certificate, although training will be given. Applicants should have experience of working in a similar environment, and be capable of supervising and motivating staff. They should have a strong culinary background and be motivated by providing the best possible food and service to students, staff and visitors.

Duties include preparing an average of 90-100 meals per day, food ordering, monthly stock takes and maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Monday-Friday; term time only

Our Kitchen Assistant will support our Catering Manager in the daily preparation and service of fresh home cooked food for our pupils. Experience of a similar environment would be an advantage, but not essential.

We are looking for candidates who:

- Have a caring and positive disposition.
- Have a commitment and passion to work with children.
- Want to be a member of a creative and dynamic staff team

We can offer you:

- The opportunity to work in a successful and supportive environment.
- Continued professional development.
- A caring and friendly staff body.

You would be joining the school at an exciting point in its journey. Debden C of E Primary Academy is a warm, nurturing Church of England school - recently graded as 'Good' with some outstanding features by Ofsted.

Closing Date: Midday on 3 August 2026

Interviews: 10 August 2026

Debden C of E Primary Academy has a strong focus on promoting Christian values and is part of Great Oak Multi Academy Trust. Visits to our friendly school are warmly welcomed and actively encouraged. Please call the School office on 01799 540302 to arrange a visit.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity and our school, please visit <https://www.debdenprimary.co.uk/web/vacancies/550825>. Application forms, job description and person specification can be downloaded via the school website or requested from the school.

Please email sdyster@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk for further details regarding the position and/or to submit your application.

Debden C of E Primary Academy is committed to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Following safer recruitment procedures, the successful applicant will be subject to satisfactory references and enhanced DBS checks.