



Environment & Regeneration Department

Post Title	Assistant Cook		
Post Number	BG14025	Grade	Scale 3
Base	Ebbw Fawr Primary/Pen y Cwm, Ebbw Vale	Hours	22.5 hrs per week
Car User Allowance	None	Disclosure	Enhanced
Contact	Angela Meredith Amanda Baird	Updated	April 2022
Politically restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes *		

* 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.

Principal Job Purpose

Responsible to: The Cook in Charge

Responsible for: Assisting the Cook to prepare meals for Primary/Secondary School.

Principal Accountabilities

1. To comply with the relevant sections of the Authority's policy statement on Health, Safety and Welfare at Work.
2. To adhere to the principles of the Corporate Equality Policy and ensure commitment to anti-discriminatory practice.
3. To assist the Cook in Charge in the production of meals and food service (including tills, handling cash).
4. To undertake the full range of Cooks duties in the absence of the Cook in Charge to include all administrative duties and procedures.
5. To serve in a temporary capacity as Cook at any location when required, within Blaenau Gwent, where the Cook in Charge is absent from duty. Blaenau Gwent Catering will pay any additional

travelling expenses incurred equal to the difference between the cost of travelling from base to the new place of work.

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.
7. To undertake all training considered necessary for the post.
8. To observe any requirements outlined by Blaenau Gwent Catering quality procedures
9. To observe Health and Safety regulations.
10. Any other duties as required.

1. Qualifications & experience

Qualifications/relevant experience	Assessment Method				
	Essential / Desirable	Application Form	Interview	Other (please specify)	Probationary Period
City & Guilds 706/1, 706/2 or NVQ Level 1/2 in Catering.	Essential	✓			
Food Safety Level 2 & 3	Essential	✓			
Other experience					
Experience of working in a catering field	Essential	✓			✓
Experience in supervising staff	Desirable	✓			✓
Knowledge/Skills					
Practical Catering skills	Essential		✓		✓
Motivational Skills	Desirable	✓			✓
Knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations within a catering field.	Desirable	✓			✓

2. Welsh Language Requirements (please select one of the following)

	Essential / Desirable	Application Form	Interview	Other (please specify)	Probationary Period
Welsh language skills are desirable (level 0 in all Welsh Language Levels above).	Desirable	✓			
Welsh language skills are essential and candidates should either possess the relevant skills or be prepared to learn them when appointed to the post (levels 1-3).					
Welsh language skills are essential (levels 4 and 5).					

	Level 0	Level 1 Entry	Level 2 Foundation	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Advanced	Level 5 Proficiency
Listening/Speaking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading/Understanding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please see "[Welsh Language Skills Guidelines](#)" on the Blaenau Gwent website for further information on the above levels.

3. Special Requirements

	Essential / Desirable	Application Form	Interview	Other (please specify)	Probationary Period
Commitment to term time working hours	Essential		✓		
Flexible working hours	Essential		✓		
Clean driving licence & access to car	Essential		✓		

4. 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 afterwards through the Authority's performance coaching scheme.

		Assessment Method			
Topic	Competencies	App. Form	Interview	Other e.g. presentation, discussion group, simulation, etc (please specify)	Probationary Period/ Performance Coaching
Delivering the service	Plans ahead, organises work in advance				✓
	Involves line manager/colleagues in setting and meeting targets				✓
	Reorganises work when necessary		✓ Essential		✓
	Sees tasks through to completion whenever possible				✓
	Seeks help if workload becomes unmanageable				✓
	Uses initiative to report issues that arise that impact on others				✓

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Improvement & Change	Is prepared to try new things & feed back results				✓
	Understands that changes are needed if things are to be improved				✓
	Finds new and creative ways of doing things better		✓		✓
	Actively seeks to develop own skills and knowledge				✓
	Learns from mistakes & welcomes constructive feedback				✓

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Providing Excellent Customer Service	Recognises the importance of high standards of customer service		✓ Essential		✓
	Is committed to providing an excellent service to the all the citizens of Blaenau Gwent		✓ Essential		✓
	Understands the links between own professionalism and the possible impact on the Authority's image		✓ Essential		✓
	Has a professional attitude that sets an example to colleagues				✓
	Takes pride in own work and that of colleagues				✓
	Is respectful, courteous and helpful at all times				✓

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Team Working	Reacts constructively to others' suggestions and requests		✓ Essential		✓
	Recognises potential value of others' opinions and actively seeks their contributions	✓ Essential			✓
	Asks for help when necessary				✓
	Actively seeks to help others				✓
	Is aware of the impact of own behaviour on others				✓

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Topic	Competencies	App. Form	Interview	Other e.g. presentation, discussion group, simulation, etc (please specify)	Probationary Period/ Performance Coaching
Communicating	Adapts content and style to help others understand				✓
	Makes sure that people are regularly informed				✓
	Uses appropriate language, gestures and tone when talking with others		✓ Essential		✓
	Checks others have understood & seeks advice when necessary		✓ Essential		✓
	Actively seeks to improve all forms of communication with others		✓ Essential		✓
	Communicates professionally by using formal channels appropriate to the situation				✓