

Academy of Social Work and Early Intervention

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The Shared Learning Trust (Vale Academy), in partnership with The Academy of Social Work and Early Intervention (The Academy) Central Bedfordshire Council, are delighted to be able to offer this unique opportunity to parents and members of our local community.

The opportunity?

This opportunity will provide you with hands on experience of volunteering in The Vale Academy to provide you with the knowledge and information directly linked to working with children and in a school. You will also achieve the CACHE Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools qualification.

What does the qualification entail?

This qualification is an introduction to the information and knowledge needed to work in primary, secondary or special schools. It covers the many varied roles that full- and part-time support staff may fulfil including administrative roles, site support roles, technical roles and volunteers, as well as those roles that work directly with children and young people in the school environment.

The award will consist of 5 units which will be assessed by your tutor using a range of methods. This could include a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task.

Who is it suitable for?

This course is suitable for anyone who has a genuine interest in working in a school. No previous qualifications or experience are necessary (although all successful applicants will only begin the course once a DBS check has been completed).

How much will it cost?

Learners may be eligible for funding for this course, depending on individual circumstances at the time of application. Eligibility for funding will be assessed and confirmed to applicants prior to confirmation of a place on the course. In the unlikely event that no funding can be accessed by an applicant the full cost of this qualification is £375.

Limited funding to support childcare and/or travel costs may be available in certain cases, which will be subject to approval before confirmation of a place on the course; this can be discussed at the information session.

Time commitments

This course will begin in **January 2018** and will run until **June 2018**. There will be some formal study linked to the mandatory units every fortnight. These will take place at Vale Academy on the same day each week. In addition to this you will be required to volunteer **or 12 hours each week** at the academy as a learning support assistant. **The days and**