Lunchtime Supervisor

Lunchtime supervisors are responsible for the welfare of school pupils during lunchtimes. Their duties can vary depending on the school, but will typically include:

- supervising pupils in the dining hall and in other parts of the school
- ensuring pupils do not go into areas 'out of bounds' areas or off the school premises
- knowing the school regulations and health and safety policy
- dealing with incidents of misbehaviour and reporting problems to the duty teacher
- being aware of responsibilities under child protection legislation, and reporting any concerns about children to the head teacher
- assisting with play activities.

Lunchtime supervisors work part time, usually between 12 noon and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

They earn between £1,395 and over £2,043 for working one and a half hours a day for three 12-week terms.

A school lunchtime supervisor needs to be:

- able to relate well to children and staff
- experienced in dealing with children
- quietly assertive
- able to command respect.

No qualifications are needed to work as a lunchtime supervisor. Experience of dealing with children is often required.

Employers are schools throughout the UK. Progress is possible to senior supervisor. Some become teaching assistants.

