



Sherrardswood School

Job Description and Person Specification

Teaching Assistant

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Post title:

Teaching Assistant

Hours of work:

8.30am till 4 pm

Remuneration:

To be discussed

Responsible to:

SENCO

Main Responsibilities:

Supporting the pupils

- To encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning, and take a pride in their work.
- To provide support for the teacher by offering feedback about the progress of individuals, in order to assist in planning.
- To provide the support and framework for learning by giving assistance with prompts, suggestions and hints to enable the learner to solve the problem/complete the task.
- To personalise resources to meet the needs of an individual or a small group.
- To give support for increased self-esteem and self confidence/emotional skills development, by encouraging pupils to build on existing effective relationships in order to share ideas and opinions with peers and adults.
- To encourage the use of collaborative skills by assisting pupils to learn to work with others.
- To actively support the approach of the teacher in behaviour management and reinforce agreed rules in working with pupils.
- To mark work against set criteria, reinforcing understanding by giving positive feedback to pupils in the process.
- To seek opportunities for active involvement and help develop pupils' time management skills.
- To act as part of the team with teaching and other support staff for the benefit of all pupils.

Supporting the Teacher

- To assist with the class teacher in the effective delivery of the curriculum, under their guidance.
- To assist with the administrative function of running a classroom on a day to day basis and also on a longer term basis.
- To be proactive about identifying occasions when the teacher needs support.
- To participate in the evaluation of the support programme.
- To provide regular feedback about the children to the teacher and SENCO.
- To attend relevant in-service training, as appropriate.

	<p>Supporting the School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where appropriate to develop a relationship to foster links between home and school. • To liaise advise and consult with other members of the team supporting the children when asked to do so. • To be aware of school procedures. • To be aware of confidential issues linked to home/pupil/teacher/school work and to keep confidences appropriately. • To uphold the school's core values. <p>Support for the Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop awareness of the requirements of the national curriculum. • To support specific aims and lessons as planned and directed by the teacher. • To develop awareness of the aims of the literacy and numeracy strategies relevant to the classes supported. • To develop awareness of curriculum targets and support work towards them. • To be aware of targets set and work towards achieving them. <p>This list is not intended to be exhaustive and you may be required to undertake other comparable duties as Sherrardswood School requires from time to time.</p>
Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting, and Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain a record of progress. • To contribute towards reports for annual reviews and outside agency assessments.
Professional Standards & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a role model to pupils through personal presentation and professional conduct. • To co-operate with the employer in all matters concerning Health and Safety and specifically to take reasonable care of their own Health & Safety, and that of any other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. • To be familiar with and support all the School's policies. • To establish effective working relationships with professional colleagues and associate staff. • To strive for personal and professional development through active involvement in the School's appraisal system and performance management procedures. • To liaise effectively with parent/carers and with other agencies with responsibility for pupils' education and welfare. • To be aware of the role of the Governing Body of the School and to support it in performing its duties. • To be familiar with and implement the relevant requirements of the current SEN Code of Practice • To uphold the school's core values.

Person Specification

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	Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A teaching assistant qualification or the equivalent gained through experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further qualifications with regard to child protection and/or SEN. 	Production of the Applicant's certificates.
Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of dealing with children aged 2+, preferably within an educational context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent experience of working in education. Experience of working with children with special educational needs. 	Contents of the Application Form. Interview. Professional references.
Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. An ability to devise and implement a range of strategies to support learning and enjoyment of learning. Good literacy and numeracy skills. 		Contents of the Application Form. Interview. Professional references.
Knowledge:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of various special educational needs. 		Contents of the Application Form. Interview. Professional references.
Personal competencies and qualities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A genuine enthusiasm for working with children. A commitment to overcoming barriers to learning. An ability to inspire confidence. A positive attitude. An ability to strike a good professional rapport with children, staff and parents. Being a positive role model. To be flexible to the needs of the students. 		Contents of the Application Form. Interview. Professional references.