



**Caring Achieving Respectful Exciting**

**Assistant Cook - Person Specification**

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications and training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVQ level 2 in catering or equivalent relevant qualification</li> <li>Minimum level 2 (Basic) NVQ Food Hygiene Certificate</li> <li>GCSE at grade A-E in Maths and English (or relevant equivalent qualification)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVQ level 3 Food Hygiene Certificate</li> <li>GCSE at grade C in Maths and English (or relevant equivalent qualification)</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing, cooking and serving hot and cold food within a large catering operation. (e.g. school, factory or large restaurant)</li> <li>Working effectively within a team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience of working within a school kitchen</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge and skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot and cold food preparation</li> <li>Working on own initiative</li> <li>Ability to break down quantities and recipes</li> <li>Effective and appropriate communication skills with adults and children</li> <li>Knowledge of healthy eating for children</li> <li>Knowledge of safe working practices</li> <li>Able to use general catering equipment safely and correctly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of school nutritional standards</li> </ul>
<b>Personal qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent verbal communication skills.</li> <li>Excellent time management and organisation skills</li> <li>High expectations of self and a desire to maintain professional standards.</li> <li>The ability to work as both part of a team and independently.</li> <li>The ability to maintain successful working relationships with colleagues.</li> <li>Willingness to undertake further training</li> <li>Ability to undertake physically demanding work</li> <li>Able to follow direction and instruction</li> <li>Be flexible and adaptable to a busy catering environment</li> </ul>	