

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Assistant Headteacher with SENCo responsibility

Key:

App – Application Form

C – Certificate

Ref – Reference

SP – Selection process. This could include a range of exercises, including an interview.

Knowledge, Experience and Skills			
	Essential or Desirable	How identified	
Leadership and management			
Ability to build effective relationships with staff, parents, governors and	E	App/SP	
other agencies			
Ability to line manage staff	Е		
Ability to use HR policies and procedures	Е		
Ability to make and implement difficult decisions	Е	App/SP	
Shaping the future			
Implements an improvement plan across a key stage area or class room,	E	App/SP	
identifying the priorities and evaluating the impact			
Works with and motivates teams and individuals to implement changes	E	App/SP	
across the school			
Leading Teaching and learning			
Being an Excellent teacher – by national standards	E	App/SP	
Knowledge of how to use data to monitor pupil progress	Е	App/SP	
Knowledge of assessment tools to monitor teaching and learning	Е	App/SP	
Ability to identify effective interventions to ensure pupils maintain good	Е	App/SP	
progress			
Ability to identify excellent classroom practice to enable teachers to	Е	App/SP	
improve, through effective feedback			
Developing self and working with others			
Regularly reviews own practice and continually participates in quality CPD	Е	App/SP	
Uses CPD to motivate, enthuse and develop staff	Е	App/SP	
Ability to plan and allocate work effectively	Е	App/SP	
Ability to coach and mentor staff	Е	App/SP	
Managing the organisation			
Implements changes to staffing structures	D	App/SP	
Recruits, retains and manages a range of school staff	Е	App/SP	
Manages the school's environment in line with health and safety regulations	D	App/SP	
Securing accountability			
Holds people to account for what they have agreed to deliver	Е	App/SP	
Works effectively with the governing body to fulfil statutory duties	D	App/SP	
Provides performance data to parents, governors, and school improvement	D	App/SP	
officers			



Strengthening the community		
Builds relationships with community groups, outside agencies and other	Е	App/SP
schools which create innovative learning experiences for pupils		
Promotes the school	D	App/SP
Works with parents and carers to improve pupil achievement	Е	App/SP
Child protection		
Is aware and able to manage effective CP policies and procedures	Е	App/SP
Ability to deal with sensitive issues in a supportive and effective manner	Е	App/SP
Qualifications and training		
Qualified Teacher Status or other educational qualification	Е	App/SP
A degree or equivalent qualification	Е	App/SP
Successful completion of the National Award for SEN Co-ordination	D	App
(NASENCo) qualification,		
OR, currently working towards the NASENCo qualification	Е	App
Personal qualities and attributes		
Moral purpose (Equality, children and adults treated with respect)		SP
Excellent communicator (Listening, putting a message across)		SP
Child centred		SP
Resilient		SP
Integrity		SP
Self-motivated and able to motivate others		SP
Enjoys challenge		SP
Works to deadlines		SP
Enthusiastic and optimistic		SP
Excellent problem solving/analytical skills		SP
Self-awareness, knowledge of strengths and limitations		SP