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# Careers

at Shaw Education Trust



<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Assistant SENCo / Teaching Assistant Level 3</b>
<b>Grade:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SCP:</b>	<b>SCP 20 – SCP 24</b>
<b>Conditions of Service:</b>	<b>Support Staff Contract</b>
<b>Responsible to:</b>	<b>Headteacher</b>

## Job Purpose

To work, under guidance, to provide support in addressing the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning. Under the direction of the SENCo assist in the co-ordination of the support provision for pupils with special needs.

## Key Responsibilities

### Support to Pupils

- Provide pastoral support to pupils within the school environment.
- Receive and supervise pupils excluded from, or otherwise not working to, a normal timetable.
- Attend to pupils' personal needs and provide advice to assist in their social, health and hygiene development.
- Participate in the comprehensive assessment of pupils to determine those in need of particular help.
- In conjunction with the teacher the development and implementation of Individual Education/ Behaviour/Support/Mentoring plans.
- Support provision for pupils with additional needs.
- Develop 1:1 mentoring arrangements with pupils and provide support for distressed pupils.
- Use specialist knowledge/experience to provide appropriate support to pupils in relation to their individual needs (e.g. daily exercise programme).
- Provide feedback to pupils and teachers in relation to progress, achievement, behaviour, attendance etc.
- Identify and adopt in conjunction with teachers the most effective teaching approaches for learners with SEN.
- Assist the teacher to monitor teaching and learning activities to meet the needs of learners with SEN.
- To develop units of work and/or specific skills development with individual pupils and small groups of pupils.
- Set targets for raising achievement among learners with SEN.
- To monitor the progress of these pupils.
- Attend consultation meetings at the direction of SENCO and keep parents informed about their child's progress.

### Support for the Teacher

- To act as Cover Supervisor during teacher absence under the direction of a teacher/designated member of staff. Cover will be in accordance with the nationally agreed protocols and as provided for in the Education Act 2002. (The role of Cover Supervisor will be to supervise and take sole responsibility, for short term cover only, for a class/group who are undertaking preplanned work or where pupils are able to undertake effective, self-directed learning)
- Support pupils' access to learning using appropriate strategies, resources etc.
- Work with other staff in planning, evaluating and adjusting learning activities as appropriate.
- Monitor and evaluate pupils' responses and progress against action plans through

observation and planned recording.

- Under direction of teacher provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, to other staff on pupils' achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence (e.g. Headteacher).
- Be responsible for keeping and updating records as agreed with other staff, contributing to reviews of systems/records as requested.
- Assist in the development and implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers, exchanging information, facilitating their support for their child's attendance, access and learning and supporting home to school and community links.
- Assist the teacher in the development, implementation and monitoring of systems relating to attendance and integration.
- Clerical/admin support relating to classroom activity e.g. dealing with correspondence, compilation/analysis/reporting on attendance, exclusions etc, and making phone calls etc.
- Co-ordinate and organise pupils attending extra-curricular activities/work experience or other out of school activities under guidance of teacher.

### **Support to Staff**

- Assist the SENCo in the deployment of the teaching assistants.
- Assist the SENCo in providing training opportunities for teaching assistants and other teachers to learn SEN.

### **Support for the Curriculum**

- Implement agreed learning activities/teaching programmes under direction of teacher.
- To be aware of and appreciate a range of activities, courses, organisations and individuals to provide support for pupils.
- Under the direction of teacher determine the need for, prepare and use specialist equipment, plans and resources to support pupils.

### **Support Development of SEN**

- Encourage all members of staff to recognise and fulfil their statutory responsibilities to learners with SEN.
- Share good practice in SEN across the school.
- Assist in identifying resources needed to meet the needs of learners with SEN.

### **Support Organisational Management**

- To ensure that statements of special needs for pupils are stored securely centrally, with a copy on the pupil's individual file.
- Under the guidance of the SENCO, assist in the co-ordination of the requirements for the annual reviews of pupils with special needs at the school and in the gathering together the necessary documentation, distributing to all relevant parties, attending if directed the review meetings and assist in ensuring completed paperwork is distributed as appropriate on completion of the review.
- Under the oversight of the SENCO draw up the Individual Education Plans for pupils with special needs.
- To maintain clear and efficient documentation relating to all issues arising in this area and file securely.

**Support to School** (this list is not exhaustive and should reflect the ethos of the school)

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons you are responsible for or come into contact with.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Contribute to the achievement of the school's objectives.
- **Promote inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the school.**
- Establish good working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
- Be aware of, support and ensure equal opportunities for all.
- Assist with pupil needs as appropriate during the school day.

**Safeguarding**

- Take responsibility for promoting the safety and welfare of all pupils.
- Report all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Co-operate and work with relevant agencies to protect children.
- Ensure all statutory requirements are adhered to, including prevention.

***This job description is not prescriptive, nor necessarily a comprehensive definition of the position.***

***Notwithstanding the duties in this job description, you will be expected to undertake any other duties and tasks which are not specifically listed but are within the scope and remit of this post to ensure the effective delivery and development of the service.***

## Qualifications and Experience

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- Very good numeracy/literacy skills equivalent to GCSE C and above.
- NVQ 3 for Teaching Assistant (or recognised equivalent qualification or experience).
- Training in the relevant strategies.

### Experience / Knowledge / Skills

- Three years experience of working to support children's learning, gained in a relevant environment.
- Experience of working with pupils with additional needs.
- Experience of assessment procedures and processes.
- Understanding of relevant legislation as it affects children and the education sector.
- Ability to manage own workload and work on own initiative.
- Ability to work constructively as part of a team.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Good ICT and record keeping, recording and reporting skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Good organising, planning and prioritising skills.
- Methodical with a good attention to detail.

## Codification of expected norms and behaviours

Leadership, of self and others		
Attitude	Aptitude	Functional Capability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build relationships between yourself and the team, and between team members.</li> <li>• Unify not divide the team, promote a culture of respect.</li> <li>• Manage conflict well and pro-actively.</li> <li>• Embrace and welcome accountability of self, and for team.</li> <li>• Care for the well-being of your team/colleagues.</li> <li>• Support the retention of good staff by creating a positive culture around workforce development and team communities.</li> <li>• Ensure good communication amongst your team and the wider organisation as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure effective workforce development and training for self and all, including coaching and mentoring.</li> <li>• Spot and nurture talent – in yourself and in others.</li> <li>• Positively engage in development opportunities and aptitude development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure clear roles and accountabilities for the team are well understood.</li> <li>• Develop and promote mutual accountability between colleagues in the team.</li> <li>• Deploy staff and resources effectively across the team.</li> <li>• Manage the workload of self and team.</li> <li>• Know your team(s)/colleagues well.</li> </ul>
Model our values and behaviours		
Attitude	Aptitude	Functional Capability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build trust within your teams and across the Trust.</li> <li>• Create and contribute to a psychologically safe environment so staff can work and flourish within your team and across the Trust.</li> <li>• Value compassion</li> <li>• Encourage a can-do approach personally and across your team.</li> <li>• Positively challenge poor behaviour and call it out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be self-reflective on your own strengths and be proactive in seeking support (via colleagues, reading or CPD) to understand any areas for improvement and ensure your development in these.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display professional credibility to team, peers, and trustees.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be highly and consistently visible across the organisation and within your team.</li> <li>• Demonstrate a consistent approach and calmness.</li> </ul>		
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**Motivate and inspire**

<b>Attitude</b>	<b>Aptitude</b>	<b>Functional Capability</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate and acknowledge success of self and others.</li> <li>• Show and demonstrate the value of others – create an abundance culture where all can be successful without threat or competition.</li> <li>• Demonstrate drive and ambition for self, team and Trust.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage in wider networking, development opportunities and/or reading to gain inspiration and personal motivation.</li> <li>• Understand and share your ‘why’ – and revisit it regularly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate a precise and clear vision.</li> <li>• Set the journey ahead which is understood by all.</li> <li>• Evidence sharp goal setting and achievement.</li> <li>• Ensure errors, oversights and mistakes are rare.</li> </ul>

**Reflection**

<b>Attitude</b>	<b>Aptitude</b>	<b>Functional Capability</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate transparency and integrity within team and across the Trust.</li> <li>• Accept responsibility and be vulnerable, avoid a blame culture.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take time to know yourself and engage in self-reflection and learning.</li> <li>• Ask thoughtful questions and seek the truth.</li> <li>• Give and accept feedback.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your team to reflect on efficiency and effectiveness, striving to gain a constantly improving approach.</li> </ul>

**Secure accountability by giving tools to succeed by...**

<b>Attitude</b>	<b>Aptitude</b>	<b>Functional Capability</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving generously with your time.</li> <li>• Ensuring 1:1 meetings are useful and effective in driving improvement.</li> <li>• Providing support and removing barriers to success.</li> <li>• Be true to your word, if you say you will do something, do it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have high expectations of yourself and others, seek out best practice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring absolute clarity in terms of expectation and ‘the ask’.</li> <li>• Allocating resources effectively to support KPI delivery.</li> <li>• Be willing and able to have challenging conversations.</li> </ul>

**In addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children including:**

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- Attitudes to the use of authority and maintaining discipline
- The post holder will be required to have an enhanced DBS check



If a disabled person meets the criteria indicated by the 'Two Ticks' symbol and provides evidence of this on their application form they will be guaranteed an interview.

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***Note This job description and person specification conforms to the Shaw Education Trust job evaluation standards and cannot be amended/updated without SET HR approval.***