Support Staff Job Description

Cover Supervisor

September 2025

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| **Name :** |  |
| **Job Role :** | **Cover Supervisor** |
| **Contract :** | Permanent, TTO |
| **Grade :** | **NJC Grade 4 (point 8-14) – £25,992 - £28,624 pro rata** |
| **Line manager :** | SLT for T&L |
| **Purpose :** | * To supervise the work of students in class when teachers are absent. * To cover for absent tutors. * To support the learning of identified students/small groups of students as required. * For targeted students, plan and deliver programmes of intervention, and assess students’ progress, as directed by the SLT * To support our enrichment programme * To provide administrative and general support as required.   The primary focus will be to maintain good order and to keep pupils on task. |
| **Requirements of the Role** | |
| **Knowledge, Skills, Experience** | * Good literacy and numeracy skills gained from general education to GCSE or ‘O’ level/Adult Literacy and Numeracy * A working knowledge of national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes / strategies. |
| **Mental skills and Demands** | * Responds to pupils’ requirements, monitoring and supporting learning e.g. responding to questions and assisting students regarding the work set – this could include clarifying/defining the work to be done * Applying sensory concentration, working very closely for periods, including managing reactions and behaviour, with individuals and whole classes of pupils e.g. using interactive white boards/other presentation media whilst controlling the class. |
| **Interpersonal/**  **Communication Skills and Emotional Demands** | * Skills required to support and assist pupils in their learning, e.g. discussing work set with the teacher, providing feedback regarding lesson material, responding to students regarding process and procedures and responding to their queries regarding the work set, liaising with outside providers regarding specific pupils * Working on an ongoing basis with children, some of whom have short or longer term emotional, additional or special needs. |
| **Initiative and Independence** | * Working under guidance of SLT/teaching/senior support staff, required to deal with unexpected problems, following school procedures, in a variety of school situations e.g. deal with a behavioural situation knowing how and when to seek support; prioritises own workload. * Required to deal with unexpected problems in a variety of school situations, whilst supervising whole classes e.g. deal with a situation with a problem pupil prior to its final resolution, dealing with/responding to problems arising with the learning material provided. |
| **Responsibility for, and Supervision of, People** | * Contributing to the education and development of children; being aware of and responding to the basic and welfare needs of pupils. * The job involves no direct responsibility for the supervision, direction or co-ordination of other employees. The work may involve demonstration of own duties, or advice and guidance, to new employees, or others. |
| **Resource Management** | * Job holder no direct responsibility for financial resources. The handling and recording of small amounts of cash/cheques or equivalent may be necessary periodically. * Regular handling, processing and recording of computer and manual information in accordance with data protection principles including routine document preparation, storage, retrieval or amendment; may include careful use of woodworking, metal working and cooking and ICT equipment or other special equipment and reporting any problems with these. |
| **Working Environment** | * Duties involve regular contact with children and exposure to abuse and/or aggression from young people and/or adults. Some exposure to disagreeable conditions e.g. assisting pupils with toileting and dealing with bodily fluids; during some home visits |
| **Personal Contribution to Academy Life** | * All employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a leader to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job profile * All employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers and to follow the Academy’s policy on Professional Conduct * All employees are expected to take responsibility for their professional development, keeping up-to-date with developments in education and meeting their Performance Management objectives * The Principal will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition |
| Specific Duties | |
| **Communication** | * Working with the teacher to establish an appropriate learning environment * Working with the teacher in lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lessons/work plans as appropriate * Providing objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, to the teacher on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence. * Being responsible for keeping and updating records as agreed with the teacher or other appropriate staff member, contributing to the review of systems/records as requested * Liaising sensitively and effectively with parents/carers as agreed with the teacher/other relevant staff member within your role/responsibility and participate in feedback sessions/meetings * Establishing constructive relationships and communicating with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils |
| **Cover Supervision** | * To undertake activities with either individuals or groups of children to ensure their safety and facilitate their physical, emotional and educational development * To monitor individual children’s needs and report these to their designated supervisor as appropriate. * To keep such records of children’s development as required by the school * To work with a member of the student support team to enhance individual and small group learning across the school. This may involve supporting colleagues in classrooms or leading small group work * To mentor individuals who are underachieving and small groups of students * To supervise students to complete work left by absent teachers in accordance with school policy * To assist students in completing the work that has been set by the teacher * To manage student behaviour in the lessons supervised to ensure a constructive working environment. Support will be available from other colleagues, in accordance with school policy * To report on the behaviour of pupils during the class using the school’s agreed referral procedures * To assist in preparing the learning environment and the materials used during each lesson * To supervise entry and departure of students in accordance with school policy * To collect any work completed after the lesson and return it to an agreed person/place * To leave the room in good order at the end of the lesson * To record and report attendance at lessons in accordance with school policy * To safeguard and promote the welfare of children * Occasional supervision of the Isolation and Inclusion Rooms * Occasional cover of patrol duties * Occasional cover of the First Aid Room and accompanying trips as the designated first aider * Support of the enrichment and extra- curricular programme as required |
| **Intervention** | * To work with small groups of KS3 students identified by the SLT as follows:   + To devise a range of activities aimed at improving self-esteem/self-image, improving behaviour, encouraging communication and team-work   + To set relevant SMART targets for students   + To monitor and track progress in soft skills via self/peer assessment   + To plan and deliver weekly sessions on a rota   + To evaluate the effectiveness of the sessions by monitoring progress * To provide evaluative feedback |
| **Admin & other duties** | * Providing general clerical/admin support e.g. produce worksheets for agreed activities etc * To support teachers in creating and maintaining resources and displays and to provide administrative support for named departments * To carry out pre-school, breaktime, lunchtime and bus supervision as required * To invigilate internal and external examinations and to act as lead invigilator, reader or scribe as and when required * To attend meetings relevant to the post * To undertake training and provide first aid support |
| **Safeguarding** | * At all times to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in line with KCSiE |

**The job description is not a finalised definition of the post, it will be reviewed at key points based on your skills, experience and interests and may be subject to amendment from time to time after discussion with the post holder and without changing the level of responsibility of the post.**

**Signed : Date :**

**Name :**