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Education
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Careers

at Shaw Education Trust



Job Title:	EYFS Teaching Assistant (Level 3)
Grade:	4
SCP:	SCP 13 – SCP 16
Conditions of Service:	Support Staff Contract
Responsible to:	Headteacher

Job Purpose

Under the direction of a an appropriate EYFS Lead, use specialist knowledge and experience to provide appropriate support to pupils in a nursery setting in relation to their individual abilities.

Key Responsibilities

Support for Pupils

- Support pupils' learning in the Nursery, including working with individuals, groups and whole classes using knowledge, experience, specialist skills and training.
- Use specialist knowledge/experience to provide appropriate support to pupils in relation to their individual needs.
- Contribute to the creation of an appropriate learning environment through display and classroom organisation.
- Contribute to the creation of appropriate learning resources.
- To contribute to the planning for and delivery of the early years curriculum.
- To contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of pupil responses to learning activities using a range of assessment and monitoring strategies against pre- determined learning objectives.
- Within the school's/nursery disciplinary policy, apply behaviour management strategies and techniques to manage behaviour appropriately in order to contribute to a purposeful learning environment.

Support for the Curriculum

- Use ICT effectively to support learning activities.
- Contribute to development of school policies and procedures by participation in working groups.
- The development, preparation and dissemination of appropriate materials.
- To be aware of, and maintain, specific school policies which relate to pupils in the classroom, i.e.; behaviour, equal opportunities and marking where applicable.

Support for Parents

- To support the maintenance of positive links between home and school by making parents feel welcome, and develop links with other agencies.

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

Qualifications/Training

- Very good numeracy/literacy skills at least equivalent to NVQ2 Level 2 in English and Maths.
- NVQ 3 Early Years (or recognised equivalent qualification).

Experience / Knowledge / Skills

- Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice.
- Three years' experience of working to support children's learning, gained in a relevant environment.
- A full understanding of the early year's foundation stage curriculum from birth to three.
- In depth understanding of areas of learning, e.g. Early Years.
- Understanding of principles of child development and learning processes.
- Ability to plan effective actions for pupils at risk who are at risk of underachieving.
- Effective use of ICT to support learning.
- Use of other equipment technology – e.g. video, photocopier. IT
- Well-developed interpersonal skills to be able to relate well to a wide range of people.
- Work constructively as part of a team whilst being able to demonstrate initiative.
- Excellent communication skills.

Codification of expected norms and behaviours

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be highly and consistently visible across the organisation and within your team. • Demonstrate a consistent approach and calmness. 		
Motivate and inspire		
Attitude	Aptitude	Functional Capability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate and acknowledge success of self and others. • Show and demonstrate the value of others – create an abundance culture where all can be successful without threat or competition. • Demonstrate drive and ambition for self, team and Trust. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in wider networking, development opportunities and/or reading to gain inspiration and personal motivation. • Understand and share your ‘why’ – and revisit it regularly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate a precise and clear vision. • Set the journey ahead which is understood by all. • Evidence sharp goal setting and achievement. • Ensure errors, oversights and mistakes are rare.
Reflection		
Attitude	Aptitude	Functional Capability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate transparency and integrity within team and across the Trust. • Accept responsibility and be vulnerable, avoid a blame culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take time to know yourself and engage in self-reflection and learning. • Ask thoughtful questions and seek the truth. • Give and accept feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your team to reflect on efficiency and effectiveness, striving to gain a constantly improving approach.
Secure accountability by giving tools to succeed by...		
Attitude	Aptitude	Functional Capability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving generously with your time. • Ensuring 1:1 meetings are useful and effective in driving improvement. • Providing support and removing barriers to success. • Be true to your word, if you say you will do something, do it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have high expectations of yourself and others, seek out best practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring absolute clarity in terms of expectation and ‘the ask’. • Allocating resources effectively to support KPI delivery. • Be willing and able to have challenging conversations.

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.