

Teaching Assistant Grade 8 (Point 18-23)

Job Description

To complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities under an agreed system of supervision. This may involve planning, preparing and delivering learning activities for individuals/groups or short term for whole classes and monitoring pupils and assessing, recording and reporting on pupils' achievement, progress and development.

SUPPORT FOR PUPILS

- Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning
- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations
- Develop and implement IEPs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom
- Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in school activities
- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of pupils' self-reliance
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

- Organise and manage appropriate learning environment and resources
- Within an agreed system of supervision, plan challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate
- Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through a range of assessment and monitoring strategies against pre-determined learning objectives
- Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
- Record progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of range and level of progress and attainment
- Work within an established discipline policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self-control and independence
- Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute to/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress/achievement etc.
- Administer and assess/mark tests and invigilate exams/tests
- Production of lesson plans, worksheet, plans etc

SUPPORT FOR THE CURRICULUM

- Deliver learning activities to pupils within agreed system of supervision, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs
- Deliver local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills
- Use ICT effectively to support learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Select and prepare resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests and language and cultural backgrounds
- Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

- Comply with and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils
- Take the initiative as appropriate to develop appropriate multi-agency approaches to supporting pupils

- Recognise own strengths and areas of specialist expertise and use these to lead, advise and support others
- Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school
- Contribute to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Experience		
• Experience working with children of relevant age in a learning environment	✓	
• Experience of working with pupils with SEND		✓
• Experience of adapting class curriculum to meet the needs of individual children		✓
• Planning learning tasks based on the class curriculum		✓
Qualifications/Training		
• Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualification or experience	✓	
• Excellent numeracy/literacy skills – equivalent to NVQ Level 2 in English and Maths	✓	
• Formal qualification for Higher Level Teaching Assistant		✓
• Training in relevant learning strategies		✓
Knowledge/Skills		
• Can use ICT effectively to support learning	✓	
• Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation	✓	
• Working knowledge of national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes	✓	
• Understanding of principles of child development and learning processes and in particular, barriers to learning.	✓	
• Ability to plan effective actions for pupils at risk of underachieving	✓	
• Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities	✓	
• Ability to relate well to children and adults	✓	
• Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these	✓	
• Ability to lead and motivate a team		✓
• Understand range of support services/providers		✓