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Description automatically generatedHigher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)**

Applicant Pack

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# The vacancy

## Post advert

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| **Deadline for applications:** | 11.59pm on 01.06.2025 |
| **Interviews to be held:** | Week beginning 09.06.2025 |
| **To start:** | September 2025 |

Stocksbridge Junior School is looking to appoint a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant Level 4 to support learning for pupils and provider general support to the teacher in the classroom. We are seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to join our team. This role is crucial in supporting high-quality teaching and learning across the school. The successful candidate will work closely with class teachers to plan, deliver, and assess learning activities, and will have the skills and confidence to lead whole-class sessions independently when required. You will play a key role in promoting pupil progress, supporting curriculum delivery, and contributing to a positive, inclusive learning environment. This is a fantastic opportunity for a motivated professional to make a real difference to pupils' educational experiences and outcomes.

## Role summary

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| **Post title:** | Higher Lever Teaching Assistant Level 4 |
| **Profile:** | LD2 |
| **Grade:** | 5 |
| **Grade spinal point range:** | SCP 15 to 20 |
| **Salary:** | £29,093- £31,586 (pro rata £22,657 to £24,599) |
| **Accountable SLT post:** | Headteacher |
| **Line manager (if different):** |  |
| **Staff to be supervised or line managed by post holder:** | N/A |
| **Post holder will work with:** | Teaching and support staff |
| **Holiday and sickness relief:** | By and for other education support staff |
| **Purpose of post:** | Working within an agreed framework of supervision to complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities, including planning, preparation and delivery. These activities can be for individuals/groups or whole classes including monitoring and assessment, recording and reporting on pupil achievement, progress and development. |
| **Version revised:** | March 2022 |

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| **Contract:** | Temporary | 33.5 hours/39 weeks  Working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am until 3.30pm and 8.30am until 4.30pm on Wednesday |

# Job description

The post holder must at all times carry out their responsibilities within the spirit of the school and trust policies and within the framework of legislation relating to academies and education, with particular regard to the statutory responsibilities of the trust and the governing body of the school.

The specific duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

## Specific duties and responsibilities

**SUPPORT FOR PUPILS**

* To jointly 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 Personal Learning Plans.
* 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 activities.
* Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
* Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement.

**SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHER**

* 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 adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs.
* Deliver local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, 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 trust/school

## 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.

## Work in a flexible way to respond to the needs of the Trust and to fulfil other duties and responsibilities appropriate to the grade and role as and when required.

## Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all.

## Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.

## Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.

## Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the Trust/schools.

## Participate in relevant training, other learning activities and performance management as required.

## From time to time, to meet the needs of the Trust, you may be asked but not expected to work hours additional to your normal working hours. The Trust will give you as much notice as possible and you will be paid/recompensed for such work. Examples where this might be required are for example; relevant key school events such as Open Evenings, exam results days, trips, clubs, training etc.

## Changes to these duties

The above duties are not exhaustive and the post holder may be required to undertake tasks, roles and responsibilities as may be reasonably assigned to them by the Headteacher/Principal.

The job description and allocation of particular responsibilities will be kept under review and may be amended via consultation with individuals, the governing body or board of trustees and/or senior leadership team as required. Trade union representation will be welcomed in any such discussions.

# Person Specification

## Job Title: Higher Level Teaching Assistant Level 4

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| **REQUIREMENTS** | **Essential** | **Desirablee** | **Assessment method**  **A = application**  **I = interview**  **R = reference** |
| Knowledge, experience and skills | | | |
| Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/ legislation | **** |  | A/I |
| Working knowledge and experience of implementing national foundation stage and KS3/4 curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies |  |  | n/a |
| Good understanding of child development and learning processes, including phonics | **** |  | I |
| Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching | **** |  | I |
| Works constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these | **** |  | I |
| Sound speaking and listening skills to extend language in discussion | **** |  | I |
| Able to plan, implement and evaluate learning activities | **** |  | A/I |
| Undertakes pupil assessment | **** |  | A/I |
| Has an awareness of pupils with special educational needs | **** |  | A/I |
| Experience of completing and maintaining pupils records | **** |  | A/I |
| Qualifications | | | |
| Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualifications | **** |  | A |
| Excellent numeracy/literacy skills and standard of education - to include English and Maths at GCSE (or equivalent) at Grade C or better | **** |  | A |
| Specialist skills/training in curriculum or learning area e.g. bilingual, sign language, ICT |  | **** | A/I |
| Other skills | | | |
| Ability to organise, lead and motivate a team |  | **** | A/I |
| Constantly improves own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others | **** |  | A/I |
| Uses ICT effectively to support learning | **** |  | A/I |
| Ability to assist the school in forming a partnership with parents |  | **** | A/I |
| Practical and organisational skills to prepare and manage educational resources | **** |  | A/I |
| Maintains personal presentation that sets high standards for the pupils | **** |  | I |
| Interpersonal skills | | | |
| Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others | **** |  | A/I |
| Ability to relate well to children and adults | **** |  | A/I |
| Has a caring positive attitude towards pupils welfare | **** |  | A/I |
| Maintains and develops trust and confidentiality where appropriate | **** |  | A/I |
| Maintains standards set by the organisation. | **🗸** |  | **I** |
| Takes responsibility for own actions. | **🗸** |  | **I** |
| Ability to work alone unsupervised and manage own workload. | **🗸** |  | **A / I** |
| Ability to work alone unsupervised and manage own workload. | **🗸** |  | **A / I** |
| Child protection | | | |
| A commitment to the responsibility of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. | **🗸** |  | **I** |

# Stocksbridge Junior School

Stocksbridge Junior School strives for its children to have no limits to their ambitions and to aspire to reach their full potential. We prepare children for life-long learning, valuing the uniqueness of every child and providing for their needs within a safe, happy and caring environment in which everyone is equal and all achievements are celebrated.

Everyone at Stocksbridge Junior School aims to combine high standards with a broad and rich curriculum where education is the fusion of excellence and enjoyment. The curriculum is adapted to suit the needs of our pupils to ensure they are all ‘learning together’.

The school, situated to the north-west of Sheffield, welcomes 270 pupils through its doors, from Year 3 to Year 6.

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In addition to trust-wide benefits for all staff, those at Stocksbridge Junior School also have access to:

* Supportive and friendly staff and leadership team.
* Free staff parking.
* Well equipped and comfortable staffroom.

You can view the school website at:[www.stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org](http://www.stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org/).

# Chorus Education Trust

A map of south yorkshire with white text and blue circles

Description automatically generatedChorus Trust is a growing trust, committed to providing every child with the best education in both primary and secondary schools across South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. We train and develop teachers, giving our children access to the very best educational thinking and practice.

Our vision is ‘Outstanding Achievement for All’. We want to create a culture of success in which our children and young people can succeed. We do this through the provision of safe and supportive schools, collaborating to ensure our children benefit from a more effective spend of public money.

As part of the Chorus Trust Team, all staff have access to:

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| A hand holding a couple of children  Description automatically generated | An ethos of being a **force for good**; of being part of a team that enables ‘outstanding achievement for all’. | A person holding stars in their hands  Description automatically generated | Leading edge **training and development** through the South Yorkshire Teaching Hub. |
| A group of people sitting at a table  Description automatically generated | A **collaborative environment** encouraging knowledge sharing and support. | A heart with a cross in the shape of a heart  Description automatically generated | Discounted **health schemes** through Westfield Health and Westfield Rewards Schemes. |
| A white piggy bank with a coin on top  Description automatically generated | Competitive **pension schemes**: Teacher’s Pension Scheme (teaching staff) and local government pension scheme (support staff). | A white icon on a blue background  Description automatically generated | Term-time only contract postholders have the freedom of having **school holidays** off. |
| A white line drawing of a person climbing stairs  Description automatically generated | **Career progression** opportunities within a growing, local trust. | A white line drawing of a person and a clock on a blue circle  Description automatically generated | Support for **flexible working** arrangements. |

You can read more about Chorus Trust at [www.chorustrust.org](http://www.chorustrust.org).

# To apply

* Full application pack and application forms available from: [www.chorustrust.org/vacancies](http://www.chorustrust.org/vacancies)
* Completed application forms are to be sent to: Amanda Proost, Administration Officer  
  at: [aproost@chorustrust.org](mailto:aproost@chorustrust.org)
* Please note that CVs and council application forms will not be accepted.
* Deadline for applications: 11.59pm on 01.06.2025
* Interviews to be held: week beginning 09.06.2025
* If you wish to visit our school and look around our grounds and speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team, this would be welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Amanda Proost on 0114 2882221.

## A black background with purple and green squares Description automatically generatedDisability confident

Chorus Trust is part of the disability confident scheme. We guarantee to interview all disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria for the vacancy.

## Safeguarding

At Chorus Trust we are committed to the safeguarding of all our pupils, please visit our website to access our safeguarding and child protection policy at [www.chorustrust.org/policies](http://www.chorustrust.org/policies).

The trust will conduct an online search of the successful candidate in line with the DfE’s keeping children safe in education advice.

The successful candidate will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check in line with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and the Police Act Regulations.