

Job description: HLTA Meadow Park Academy

Location	Reading
Contract term	Fixed Term
Full time/term time	Term time
Pay range	RG3 SCP11 £21,748 – RG3 SCP 17 £24,491 pro rata
Reporting to	SLT

Job purpose

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.

Responsible for the management and development of a specialist area within the school and/or management of other teaching assistants including allocation and monitoring of work, appraisal and training.

Main duties and responsibilities

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 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 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

Line management responsibilities where appropriate

- Manage other teaching assistants
- Liaise between managers/teaching staff and teaching assistants
- Hold regular team meetings with managed staff
- Represent teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings
- Undertake recruitment/induction/appraisal/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants

This job description will be supported by the school improvement plan which may identify key distinct tasks and responsibilities for this role in the school year. These will be derived from ongoing school self-



evaluation and other local/national priorities. The Postholder's duties must be carried out in compliance with the school's policies and procedures including child protection and safeguarding procedures.

These duties and responsibilities should be regarded as neither exhaustive nor exclusive as the post holder may be required to undertake other reasonably determined duties and responsibilities commensurate with the grading of the post.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful candidate.

Person specification: Job title

Qualifications and training <i>Evidenced through: Application</i>	Essential	Desirable
HLTA qualification or equivalent	✓	
Meet Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualification or experience	✓	
Excellent numeracy/literacy skills – GCSE standard in English and Maths essential	✓	
Training in relevant learning strategies e.g. literacy		✓
Specialist skills/training in curriculum or learning areas e.g. bi-lingual, sign language, ICT		✓

Experience/employment record <i>Evidenced through: Application/ Interview/ References</i>	Essential	Desirable
Experience working with children of relevant age in a learning environment	✓	
Can use ICT effectively to support learning		✓
Working knowledge and experience of implementing national/foundation stage curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies		✓
Good understanding of child development and learning processes	✓	

Personal qualities <i>Evidenced through: Application/ Interview/ References</i>	Essential	Desirable
The ability to converse at ease with members of the public and provide advice and information in accurate spoken English.	✓	
Ability to work as part of a team, and lead when required.	✓	
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	✓	
Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others	✓	