

Job Description

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Job Title:	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Responsible to:	Principal
Job Purpose:	• Work with class teachers and small groups of pupils to raise the learning and attainment of pupils • Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion • Give support to pupils in groups or classes, so they can access the curriculum
Salary:	Grade F SCP 7
Hours:	12 and a half hours a week, term time plus inset days (5 afternoons)

Main responsibilities

Teaching and learning

- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- To cover and lead class teaching (under supervision) as and when appropriate
- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Support the teaching of a broad and balanced curriculum aimed at pupils achieving their full potential in all areas of learning
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher
- Direct the work, where relevant, of other adults in supporting learning

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons
- Use their area(s) of expertise to contribute to the planning and preparation of learning activities, and to plan their role in learning activities
- Use allocated time to devise clearly structured activities that interest and motivate learners and advance their learning
- Plan how they will support the inclusion of pupils in the learning activities
- Plan mentoring and intervention sessions to support students in being able to access their learning in school

Working with staff, parents/carers and relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- Contribute to meetings with parents and carers by providing feedback on pupil progress, attainment and barriers to learning, as directed by teachers
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress, or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' wellbeing by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures
- Demonstrate the agreed national professional standards through HLTA assessment route or has the relevant qualification and skills.

Other

- To maintain personal and professional development to meet the changing demands of the post, participating in appropriate training activities.
- To support at all times the Catholic ethos of the school/Multi-Academy Company by promoting the agreed vision and aims and setting an example of personal integrity and professionalism.
- To adhere to the Schools' policies
- Other duties as may be determined from time to time within the general scope of the post. Duties and responsibilities outside of the post will only be required with the agreement of the post holder.

The MAC reserves the right to require you to work at such other place or places as it may reasonably require from time to time subject to the provision of reasonable notice.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, this job description is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks but sets out the main expectations of the school in relation to the post-holder's professional responsibilities and duties, all individual tasks undertaken may not be identified.

This job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate within the grade and job title.