

JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title	Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Location	Woodlands Primary Academy
Salary	Scale F, Points 12-17 £28,598 - £31,022 (Actual £21,938 - £23,798)	Hours	33 hours, 39 weeks
Department	Educational Support	Reports To	Senior Leadership Team

JOB PURPOSE:

This role supports the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities under a structured system of supervision. It may include planning, preparing, and delivering sessions for individuals, small groups, or whole classes, as well as monitoring and assessing pupils. Operating at a level beyond the standard NVQ 3 Teaching Assistant role, the HLTA will bring enhanced expertise and experience, contributing to the development of strategies and policies while working with greater autonomy.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

Support for Pupils

- Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support learning and academic progress.
- Take responsibility for developing and implementing SEND support plans, EHCPs and behaviour support plans when working with children.
- Teach larger groups of pupils using plans and resources provided.
- Responsible for recording progress and achievement in lessons/activities – through following the school policy on live marking of books and feedback.
- Establish a clear framework for disciplinary matters, classroom expectations and the learning environment/resources.
- Provides clear communication to teachers and parents (where necessary) on class progress, individual concerns and coverage of lessons.

Support for the Curriculum

- Uses the Woodlands curriculum to ensure that learning is pitched at the appropriate level and that all learners are supported in meeting expectations.
- Ensure that the classroom environment and resources are prepared and set up to enable all learners to make age-related progress.

Support for the School

- Assists with the development of school policies and procedures relating to child protection, teaching and learning, behaviour for learning and all other professional expectations.
- Takes the initiative in making reasonable adaptations where necessary if this meets the needs of the children.
- Where applicable, takes responsibility for the provision of out of school learning activities within the guidelines established by the school.

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JOB REQUIREMENTS:		
	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATIONS	- GCSE English and Maths, Grade 3 minimum or equivalent. - NVQ Level 3 in working as a teaching assistant or equivalent. - Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualification or experience. - Can work at NVQ Level 4 overall.	- Attendance at recent relevant course. - Training/knowledge in the Primary Curriculum.
EXPERIENCE	- Experience of working in a primary school setting. - Experience of covering whole class lessons.	
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING	- Full working knowledge of the National Curriculum across both key stages, including the teaching of reading. - Working knowledge and experience of implementing National Curriculum and other relevant learning programmes. - Good understanding of child development and learning processes – including behaviour management techniques. - Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching. - Constantly improving own practice through self-evaluations and learning from others. - Ability to relate well to children and adults. - Ability to monitor pupils' responses to learning and provide detailed and regular feedback on pupils' achievement/progress.	- Knowledge of strategies to improve school attendance. - Sound understanding of behaviour management.

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SKILLS AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	• Confident and efficient in managing classes and behaviour. • Focused on ensuring all children make progress. • Ability to relate to young people and adults in an empathetic manner. • Demonstrable experience of building effective relationships. • Demonstrates resilience, motivation and commitment to driving up standards of work and achieving excellence. • Ability to respond swiftly and effectively to the unexpected. • Excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing, e.g. letters and reports.	
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	A demonstrable commitment to supporting and promoting safeguarding, student welfare, equality and diversity	
SAFEGUARDING	A thorough understanding of up-to-date safeguarding requirements and best practice	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS	High expectations for every pupil and a proven track record of making a difference to the learning and experiences of pupils inside and outside the classroom.	

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