



| Post Title: | Higher Level Teaching Assistant Level 4 (permanent) Full time | |
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| Grade: | 5 | |
| Responsible to: | Headteacher | |
| Responsible for: | Teaching Assistants | |
| Purpose of job: | 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 on a short-term basis including monitoring and assessment, recording and reporting on pupil 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. | |

Welcome to Woodhouse West Primary School



I am so pleased that you are considering joining our school. We are very proud of our school, its children and their families. Everyone who works at Woodhouse West is passionate about making a difference to our children and helping them to achieve their full potential, whilst being the best they can be every day. Please visit our website where you will notice that it is full of beautiful pictures of children learning through personal experience of the world around them. We encourage all children to broaden their horizons, have the confidence to try new things and keep going when challenges present themselves and celebrate their successes. As a result our children are articulate, inquisitive and confident and frequently ask questions of those around them.

Each of our children has the potential to do something wonderful, our primary role is to find their key skill or talent, the gem inside them and nurture it.

The very best way to understand our ethos and the way we learn is to visit us and see for yourself.

Please feel free to contact us to arrange and visit.



JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POST OF: Higher Level Teaching Assistant

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 Individual Education 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 selfreliance.
- 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 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.
- To be a designated first aider.

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.

Any other duties and responsibilities appropriate to the grade and role

All the above duties and responsibilities to be carried out in accordance with Sheffield City Council's Policies, Standing Orders and current legislation with an emphasis on Customer Care, Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and Health and Safety.

Person Specification

| Specification | Essential | Desirable | Evidence |
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| Qualification/ Training | HLTA status and complimentary qualifications | In addition, the Higher Level Teaching Assistant might have: Other relevant qualifications (e.g. Foundation Degree in Education) National Vocational Qualifications in Supporting Teaching and Learning First Aid Certificate Evidence of further study or professional qualifications | Certificates Application Form |
| Experience | Previous experience of working within a school environment and/or working with children of any school age. Working under the direction of a teacher. Planning, preparing and delivering learning activities to groups and classes. Working with children with a range of needs Managing pupil behaviour effectively Communicating with pupils, staff, parents and other professionals Assessing, recording and reporting on development and learning progress. | Undertaken Trauma Informed training | Application Form Interview References |
| Skills & knowledge | HLTA Standards The Primary phase of the National Curriculum and/or EYFS Curriculum Work constructively as part of a team Prioritise and manage time effectively Demonstrate good organisational skills Plan, prepare and deliver successful learning activities to groups and classes Motivate and engage pupils in learning activities Use ICT knowledge and skills in the learning environment. Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing Communicate/interact with children and adults in a friendly and professional manner | | Application Form Interview References Interview tasks |
| Personal characteristics | Adaptable Able to take direction and use own initiative equally well | | Application FormReferencesInterview |

| | Calm and have a positive approach Pro-active in their approach to work Discrete and maintain confidentiality Kind, caring and sensitive to the needs of others Able to demonstrate high | | Lesson Observation |
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| | expectations and standards Resilient Willing and able to contribute to extra-curricular activities Committed to the whole life of the school | | |
| Safeguarding | Commitment to the safeguarding and protection of children and to the personal development of our pupils Understanding of the issues surrounding the safeguarding of children and commitment to child welfare and safety Knowledge of child protection procedures | Experience of dealing with safeguarding issues | Application FormInterviewReferences |