

Person Specification

Qualifications and Training		
Evidence of:		
At least two years' experience of working effectively in an educational setting	Е	
Experience of working with children with social, emotional and mental health needs	Ε	
and/or Autistic Spectrum Conditions or other similar complex needs		
Hold GCSE Grade C or above [or equivalent] in English & Maths, plus at least three		D
other academic subjects or NVQ 3 in a relevant field		
Capability to achieve GCSE grade C in English & Maths or NVQ level 3 in a relevant field	Е	
Hold HLTA qualification or be willing to complete this qualification within the first year in	Ε	
post		
Additional SEN qualification		D
Team Teach qualification		D
Professional Skills and Experience		
Evidence of:		
Skills of empathy, listening, communication and responding with appropriate language to build rapport with children with a range of abilities and backgrounds	Е	
Basic ICT competency	Е	
Aptitude to develop knowledge of the role within an education environment through	Е	
achievement of NVQ level 3 in an appropriate field.		
Flexible, adaptable and positive attitude to working in a structured environment	Е	
Communication skills to promote and develop effective working with children,	Ε	
colleagues and carers/agencies at an appropriate level to achieve understanding and		
constructive response		
In depth understanding of how different children develop and learn and how to identify and apply appropriate processes to achieve progression	Е	
Understanding of the role of the class teacher, the parent or carer and external		D
agencies in developing and maintaining an effective learning environment		
The ability to contribute effectively to the workload, planning, supervision and		D
responsibilities of a team, including directly supervising and supporting the		
development of others		
Ability to work using own initiative, including recognition of the appropriate level at	Ε	
which to refer issues elsewhere for effective resolution		
Ability to remain calm under pressure and diffuse conflict	Е	
Proven communication and inter-personal skills evidenced by dealing with a diverse	Ε	
range of contacts about potentially complicated and/or sensitive issues		
Able to form and maintain appropriate professional relationships and boundaries with	Ε	
children and parents		
Current first aid certificate		D
Ability to plan, review and carry out duties without supervision	Е	
Ability to drive a minibus		D
At least one years' experience of applying the regulations applicable to Health & Safety,	Ε	
Hygiene, Child Welfare & Protection		

Essential (E), must have / Desirable (D), should have