



STAR ACADEMIES

Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders

TEACHING AND LEARNING ASSISTANT (SEN SUPPORT)

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB PURPOSE:

To contribute to the development of a strong, effective school with an emphasis on promoting a culture of educational excellence, within a caring and secure environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect which extends beyond the school into the wider community.

JOB SUMMARY:

1. Provide outstanding support to enable pupils with additional needs including those with SEN to play a full and active part in the life of the school and to make outstanding progress in their learning.
2. Support the teacher in the classroom and in preparation for lessons.
3. Support children in their educational and social development.
4. Help to develop programmes of learning activities and adapting appropriate materials.
5. Motivate and encourage pupils.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Support for Pupils

- 1.1 Provide support for pupils with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), whilst employing teaching strategies to encourage the pupils to work with increasing independence within a group and class.
- 1.2 Adapt or modify materials and resources to ensure full access to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- 1.3 Support pupil access to the curriculum by differentiating learning activities where appropriate.
- 1.4 Develop a positive relationship with pupils to support progress and attainment and promote self-esteem and independence.
- 1.5 Support pupils as part of a planned inclusion programme and provide intervention strategies and programmes as requested.
- 1.6 Provide feedback to pupils on their progress, achievement and attainment.
- 1.7 Support the use of ICT in learning activities.
- 1.8 Deliver intervention and support strategies for specific pupils as directed by the teacher.
- 1.9 Provide any additional support including 'personal hygiene' support to enable the student to participate fully in the life of the school. Where this requires support for toileting using a hoist or other specialist equipment, then full training will be provided.

- 1.10 Administer any special medication that the student is required to take in school time. If this is required then full training will be provided.

2. Support for Teachers

- 2.1 Provide advice and support to teachers and other support staff as to the most effective methods of support for pupils with learning needs.
- 2.2 Work with the teacher in lesson planning, IEPs, EHCP targets, evaluating, and adjusting lessons / work plans as appropriate for pupils with SEN.
- 2.3 Liaise with the SENCO and specialist staff (e.g. Occupational Therapist or Speech and Language Service) as requested to receive and disseminate advice given to effectively support pupils across curriculum areas.
- 2.4 Liaise with the complex needs service as requested to receive and disseminate advice given to effectively support pupils across curriculum areas.
- 2.5 Liaise sensitively and effectively with parents and carers; and in languages other than English when necessary; and participate in feedback meetings with parents under the teacher's supervision.
- 2.6 Assist the class teacher and SENCO in the development, monitoring and review of pupils' IEPs.
- 2.7 Attend specific training as and when required or requested by the SENCO.
- 2.8 Assist in pupil supervision and management of pupil behaviour, in line with school procedures.
- 2.9 Be responsible for keeping and updating records as agreed with the teacher, contributing to the reviews of records and systems as requested.
- 2.10 Support the teacher by contributing to the delivery of local and national learning strategies and recording achievement, progress and providing feedback to the teacher.
- 2.11 Report on pupil achievement, progress and issues in a suitable format.
- 2.12 Administer and contribute to assessments as required.
- 2.13 Monitor and evaluate pupils' responses to learning activities through observation and planned recording of achievement against pre – determined learning objectives.
- 2.14 Provide the teacher with objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence.
- 2.15 Prepare the classroom as directed for lessons and clear afterwards. Assist with the display of pupils' work.
- 2.16 Ensure the timely and accurate design, preparation, and use of specialist equipment / resources / materials.
- 2.17 Manage the compilation of records, information and data.
- 2.18 Administer and assess routine assessments, undertake routine marking of pupils' work, and accurately record achievement / progress.
- 2.19 Promote positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- 2.20 Assist the teacher in other everyday classroom duties as and when required to do so.

3. Support for the Curriculum

- 3.1 Support pupils in understanding instructions.
- 3.2 Implement structured and agreed learning activities / teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- 3.3 Implement local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, early years etc. as directed by the teacher.
- 3.4 Support pupils in using IT and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- 3.5 Determine the need for, prepare and use specialist equipment / resources as directed by the teacher, and assist pupils in their use.
- 3.6 Actively seek information regarding, and utilise, the range of activities, courses, organisations, and individuals to provide support for pupils to broaden and enrich their learning.

4. Support for the School

- 4.1 Support the maintenance and enhancement of the school's ethos and mission through their own outstanding professional conduct and high expectations of others.
- 4.2 Be aware of and comply with policies relating to child protection, health and safety, confidentiality and data protection.
- 4.3 Assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place.
- 4.4 Support the promotion of positive relationships with parents and outside agencies.
- 4.5 Work within school policies and procedures.
- 4.6 Attend and participate in individual and team meetings as required.
- 4.7 Undertake personal development and improve own practice through training, observation, evaluation and discussion with colleagues including performance management and use this to support others.
- 4.8 Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips, out of school activities and enrichment programmes and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of a teacher.
- 4.9 Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson time.
- 4.10 Work as part of a team and support the role of other people in the team.

5. Accountability

- 5.1 Make best use of all resources to support the attainment of pupils.
- 5.2 Ensure that parents/carers are well informed about the curriculum, attainment and progress and about the contribution they can make in supporting their child's learning and that pupils are involved in this process.

6. Other Responsibilities

- 6.1 Promote the Trust's vision of 'nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders'.
- 6.2 Champion the Trust's values of 'Service', 'Teamwork', 'Ambition' and 'Respect'.
- 6.3 Contribute to the wider life of the Trust and the Star community.
- 6.4 Carry out any such duties as may be reasonably required by the Trust.

7. Records Management

- 7.1 All staff who create, receive, and use records in the course of their job are responsible for ensuring that records are managed appropriately. It is therefore likely that this post-holder will have responsibility for record-keeping as part of the role. Employees are required to be conversant with the Trust's policies and procedures on records management.

This appointment is with Star Academies. The job description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to this post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be reviewed in negotiation with the employee in the future. The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the 'Star Academies Contract'.



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No	CATEGORIES	Essential/ Desirable	App Form	Interview /Task
QUALIFICATIONS				
1.	NVQ Level 2 Teaching Assistant or equivalent.	E	✓	
2.	GCSE in English and Maths at grades 'C' and above.	E	✓	
3.	Good Higher Education or Further Education qualifications.	D	✓	
4.	CPD Record.	E	✓	
EXPERIENCE				
5.	Working with children in a school setting.	E	✓	✓
6.	Experience of working with children with SEND.	E	✓	✓
7.	Contributing to development, monitoring and review of IEPs.	E	✓	✓
8.	Working within a primary school.	D	✓	✓
9.	Supporting pupils who have specific difficulties.	D	✓	✓
10.	Working with pupils who have physical disabilities.	D	✓	✓
ABILITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE				
11.	Ability to maintain positive relationships with pupils and other adults.	E	✓	✓
12.	Ability to work with pupils on a one to one, small groups and whole class.	E	✓	✓
13.	Ability to contribute effectively to teachers' planning and preparation for lessons.	E	✓	✓
14.	Ability to support teachers in evaluating pupils' progress through a range of assessment activities.	E	✓	✓
15.	Ability to work effectively within a team.	E	✓	✓
16.	Effective classroom and behaviour management skills.	E	✓	✓

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17.	Ability to communicate effectively in community languages.	D	✓	✓
18.	Knowledge of strategies to support pupils with ASD / visual and/or hearing impairment(s).	D	✓	✓
19.	Good ICT skills for word-processing and use of learning software, including online resources.	E	✓	✓
20.	Knowledge of the national curriculum.	E	✓	✓
PERSONAL QUALITIES				
21.	A passionate belief in the school's mission statement.	E	✓	✓
22.	A strong belief in the value of education in developing citizens.	E	✓	✓
23.	Highest levels of professional and personal integrity.	E	✓	✓
24.	A strong commitment to inclusion and overcoming barriers to learning and achievement.	E	✓	✓
25.	Personal resilience, persistence and perseverance.	E	✓	✓
26.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Service'.	E	✓	✓
27.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Teamwork'.	E	✓	✓
28.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Ambition'.	E	✓	✓
29.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Respect'.	E	✓	✓
30.	Commitment to support Star Academies' agenda for safeguarding and equality and diversity.	E	✓	✓
31.	Commitment to undertaking additional training where required.	E	✓	✓
32.	Sympathetic to and supportive of the Mixed Multi-Academy Trust Model and ethos of the Establishment.	E	✓	✓