PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL, AN ACADEMY WITHIN NEXUS MAT

ATTRIBUTES/REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW IDENTIFIED
EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	GCSE Grade C or above Maths and English or equivalent qualification. Willingness and ability to obtain and/or enhance qualifications and training for development in the post.	DfES Teacher Assistant Induction course. NVQ Level 2 or better/equivalent relevant qualification. First Aid Certificate. Gastrostomy Training Medication Training	Examination of Certificates Application Form Interview
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Working with/or caring for children and /or vulnerable adults	Experience of working with children with special needs and/or in a school environment.	Application Form Interview References
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	Basic understanding of child development and learning. Good communication and interpersonal skills. Knowledge of Safeguarding/Child Protection Procedures.	General understanding of national curriculum and other basic learning programmes. Knowledge of Safeguarding/Child Protection Procedures. Knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations.	Interview Application Form
PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS	Ability to relate well to children and adults. Ability to work as part of a team A calm, pleasant and sympathetic manner.	Flexible.	Interview References
PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES	As assessed and advised by Health & Well Being given the high degree of manual handling of pupils requirement		Medical Questionnaire Medical examination if required
ADDITIONAL FACTORS			
CONTRA-INDICATORS	A satisfactory record check being undertaken by the Disclosure & Barring Service		