# Barlows Primary School Level 2 Learning Support Assistant Job Description



#### Main purposes of the job

Working under the direction and within an agreed system of supervision from a qualified teacher.

- To work in partnership with class teachers to support learning by working with individuals or small groups of children, under the direction of teaching staff.
- To promote the inclusion of all pupils, ensuring they have equal opportunities to learn and develop.
- To use behaviour management strategies in line with the schools policy and procedures, which contribute to a purposeful learning environment.
- To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school.
- To work within the agreed Professional Standards for Teaching Assistants.

# Main responsibilities and tasks

# Teaching and learning

- 1. Develop a secure knowledge of the learning support needs of individual pupils.
- 2. Undertake activities set by teaching staff with individuals, or groups of pupils, to support pupils' learning.
- 3. Supervise pupils' work, clarify and explain instructions, identify where pupils are struggling, e.g. engaging with a particular topic, and support them in understanding the information and complete the work.
- 4. Adjust learning activities based on pupils' responses as appropriate to achieve effective learning outcomes.
- 5. Participate in planning and evaluation of learning activities with the teacher, providing feedback to the teacher on pupil progress and behaviour.
- 6. Support the evaluation of pupils' progress using a range of assessment techniques.
- 7. Provide information to the teacher and other staff for monitoring, assessing and recording pupil progress/activities as appropriate.
- 8. Provide feedback and praise to pupils in relation to attainment and progress under the guidance of the teacher.
- 9. Support learning by arranging/providing resources for lessons/activities under the direction of the teacher.
- 10. Support the work of volunteers and other Learning Support staff in the classroom
- 11. Support working relationship with the pupils, acting as good role model for pupils in terms of behaviour and attitude, setting high expectations.
- 12. Meet the personal needs of pupils whilst encouraging their independence.
- 13. Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively, ensuring all pupils are engaged in activities.
- 14. Understand and support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities or those with English as an Additional Language.
- 15. Assist teaching staff and the SENDCO with the creation of individual learning plans for pupils.
- 16. Support pupils with special educational needs through the delivery of specific learning programmes as part of individual or group work.
- 17. Assist teaching staff to implement a variety of teaching strategies that support pupils in achieving their learning goals.

- 18. Provide new and ongoing support for individuals or groups of pupils who need extra interventions to achieve their potential.
- 19. Assist teaching staff and other TAs with creating and maintaining displays throughout the school.
- 20. Provide administrative and clerical support (including record keeping e.g. taking the register, updating homework registers) to teaching staff and other TAs regarding lesson planning and resources.
- 21. Assist with school trips, events and activities.
- 22. Provide feedback to parents, carers and other professionals for example first aid matters, pastoral matters.

# Supporting the school

- 23. Contribute to the ethos, value and aims of the school.
- 24. Comply with all relevant legislation and school policies, including those relating to safeguarding, equality, diversity, health and safety, confidentiality and data protection reporting concerns to the named/appropriate person.
- 25. Promote equality as an integral part of the role and to treat everyone with fairness and dignity, promoting inclusion and acceptance of all pupils and stakeholders.
- 26. Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes.
- 27. Undertake duties including: door duties, first aid, administration of medication, fire marshal (training provided), supporting medical needs e.g. asthma, diabetes.
- 28. Establish and maintain constructive relationships with pupils', parents, staff and external agencies and deliver pastoral support as required.
- 29. Support the delivery of the school Pupil Premium Strategy.
- 30. When required, take part in activities such as staff meetings, parents' evenings, inset days, clubs and any other appropriate school events.

#### **Communication and Coordination**

- 31. Work closely with teaching staff, other Learning Support Assistants and the SENCO to close the attainment gap between individual pupils, groups of pupils, and their peers.
- 32. Assist the SENCO in the production of a timetable that ensures pupils are not repeatedly missing the same lesson to join interventions.
- 33. Contribute towards pupils' annual reviews and report on the effectiveness of the interventions in place.
- 34. Assist in arranging extra time and access arrangements, as appropriate, where external or internal examinations or tests are administered.
- 35. Use ICT effectively to support learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.

#### **Professional Development**

- 36. Participate in training and other professional development as required.
- 37. Provide the school with feedback on any training or professional development undertaken.
- 38. Report professional development progress to an assigned mentor/leader and set goals for further professional development.

#### Support for the curriculum

39. To undertake broadly similar duties commensurate with the level of the post as required by the Headteacher.

# **Additional Information**

This role may include the tasks within a basic support role but also provides more specific practitioner support tasks without the same degree of supervision as Teaching Assistant (Learning Support – Level 1).