
Job Description for Learning Support Assistant (Reading Focus)

Responsible to: Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion)

Based at: Brinsworth Academy

Paid on: Band D of the School Support Staff Pay Scale

OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE POST

The Learning Support Assistant will work with students who experience barriers to learning. The primary focus of the role will be to support learners who need additional help developing their reading skills

These barriers relate principally to any combination of Learning Difficulties, Behaviour Difficulties, Social and Emotional Difficulties and /or Disabilities.

Learning Support Assistants work principally alongside teachers in mainstream classrooms, supporting the learning and ensuring the progress of all students.

Learning Support Assistants work with students in all year groups. This may also include being a 'lead worker' for a specific number of students and coordinating planning, reviewing the impact of provision with parents/carers.

MAIN DUTIES

- Supporting intervention programmes.
- Monitoring and supporting identified students.
- Supporting inclusion team colleagues and other teachers in the successful delivery of curriculum programmes.
- Supporting identified students to achieve their targets, this may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area.
- Supporting student review meetings.
- Participating in meeting, training and other learning activities as required.
- Establishing constructive relationships with other colleagues to support achievement and progress of students.
- Contributing to the reduction of 'NEETS'.
- Acting as a lead worker for individual students.
- Contributing to the overall ethos of the school.
- Undertaking planned supervision of students out of school hours learning activities.
- Supervising students on visits, trips and out of school activities.
- Be committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and young people.

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- Perform other duties as assigned by your line manager.

Please note this job has a Probationary Period of 6 Months and a Notice Period of 1 Month.

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Person Specification for Learning Support Assistant

There will be various opportunities for you to demonstrate you have the necessary attributes for this role such as through completion of the application form, at interview, during any tasks and through your provided references.

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young people • Reflecting on and improving practice to increase student achievement • Commitment to personal development and development of others 	
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good standard of educational success at age 16 and 18 • Grade C in GCSE English and Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT capability at Level 2 • First Aid trained
Special Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilient approach to working with students with barriers to learning or challenging behaviour • Highly motivated with excellent communication and interpersonal skills • Genuine passion and belief in the potential of every student • Ability to develop learning resources and contribute to schemes of learning • Understanding of strategies to foster strong working relationships with young people • Good communication, planning and organisation skills • Sensitive to the varying needs of young people and individuals • Flexibility and enthusiastic approach to work 	
Personal Skills and Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm, flair, energy and imagination • Strong educational principles based on inclusion and equality • Demonstrate resilience, motivation and commitment to raising standards • High level of emotional intelligence, honesty and integrity • Willingness to be involved in the full life cycle of the academy including extra-curricular activities • A commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of students 	

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