**Thomas Jones Primary School**

**Job Description**

Title of role: Learning Support Assistant

Line manager: The Headteacher and the Deputy Headteacher

Grade:

**Main Purpose of the Job**

1. To work one to one which children in need of additional support.
2. To work under the guidance of the class teacher to support teaching and learning in the classroom
3. To assist the teacher in creating and maintaining a purposeful, orderly and supportive learning environment
4. To promote the inclusion of all pupils ensuring they have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
5. To be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school

**Main Responsibilities**

**Support for Pupils and Families**

* To deliver pastoral and learning support
* To provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement.
* To establish and develop productive working relationships with pupils acting as a role model and developing 1:1 mentoring arrangements and providing support for distressed pupils
* To work with pupils, understanding how to motivate and encourage them to develop and achieve.
* To provide support for pupils to broaden and enrich their learning
* To work with the SENCO and other teachers to develop and implement IEPs and behaviour mentoring plans
* To understand the individual needs of children and be responsible for advising them on social health and hygiene
* To promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom. Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage in all activities
* To read with individual children and groups and complete reading records as directed by the class teacher
* To work with small groups of children and to take responsibility for their learning
* To support a child with disabilities or special educational needs
* To support children in mixed ability groupings ensuring that they understand tasks and learning objectives

**Support for the Teachers**

* Within an agreed system of supervision, to work with the teacher to develop lessons, work plans and the classroom environment
* To assess, feedback and record the achievements and progress of pupils through agreed monitoring systems
* To establish and maintain constructive relationships with parents/carers by:

- supporting their role in pupils’ learning

- providing constructive feedback on pupils progress and achievements

- facilitating their support for their child’s attendance

- support home to school/community links

* To develop behaviour management strategies. To be proactive in managing behaviour and promote self-control, independence and integration
* To accompany teachers and classes on educational visits
* To work with the class teacher to complete administration tasks and prepare displays

**Support for the School**

* To be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health and safety, security and confidentiality, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
* To contribute to overall ethos/work/aims of the school
* To attend and participate in regular meetings, and in training and other activities as required
* To assist in the general care of the school environment
* To assist with children at the beginning and end of the day and in the playground as required
* Within an agreed system of supervision, to facilitate learning during short periods of teacher absence for planned meetings

**Support for the Curriculum**

* Within an agreed system of supervision, to deliver learning and teaching activities and adjust these when necessary
* To be responsible for management of stock levels and for maintenance / quality /safety of specialist equipment
* To use and prepare specialist equipment, plans and resources necessary to support learning activities, taking into account pupil’s interests, language and cultural backgrounds
* To assist with the development of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills and to support their use in learning activities
* To undertake broadly similar duties commensurate with the level of the post as required by the Head teacher

**Safeguarding**

* To comply with policies and procedures covering safeguarding and child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
* To contribute to safeguarding the welfare of children in the school.
* To commit to attending all relevant training on an annual basis.

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Headteacher signature: ……………………………………………… Date: ………………

**Appendix**

Both Level 2 and 3 National Occupational Standards (NOS) are relevant to this job description. A new Teaching Assistant will be expected to meet the Level 2 standards and then progress to level 3.

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| **Level 2 core standards** |
| STL1 | Provide support for learning activities |
| STL2 | Support children’s development |
| STL3 | Help to keep children safe |
| STL4 | Contribute to positive relationships |
| STL5 | Provide effective support for your colleagues |
| STL19 (L3) | Promote positive behaviour |
| **Other level 2 optional standards identified in generic job description** |
| STL6 | Support numeracy and literacy activities |
| STL7 | Support the use of information and communication technology for teaching and learning |
| STL8 | Use information and communication technology to support pupil’s learning |
| STL9  | Observe and report on pupil performance |
| STL11 | Contribute to supporting bilingual and multi lingual pupils |
| STL12  | Support a child with disabilities or special education needs |
| STL16 | Provide displays |
| STL17 | Invigilate tests and examinations |

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| **Level 3 core standards** |
| STL3 | Help to keep children safe |
| STL18 | Support pupil’s learning activities |
| STL19 | Promote positive behaviour |
| STL20 | Develop and promote positive relationships |
| STL21 | Support the development and effectiveness of work teams |
| STL22 | Reflect on and develop practice |
| **Other level 3 optional standards identified in generic job description** |
| STL8 | Use information and communication technology to support pupil’s learning |
| STL23 | Plan, deliver and evaluate teaching and learning activities under the direction of a teacher |
| STL24 | Contribute to the planning and evaluation of teaching and learning activities |
| STL25 | Support literacy development  |
| STL26 | Support numeracy development |
| STL27 | Support implantation of the early years curriculum |
| STL29 | Observe and promote pupil performance and development |
| STL30 | Contribute to assessment for learning |
| STL31 | Prepare and maintain the learning environment |
| STL41 | Support pupils with behaviour, emotional and social development needs |
| STL59 | Escort and supervise pupils on educational visits and out of school activities |
| STL60 | Liaise with parents, carers and families |