





Under the supervision of the SENCo and Senior Leadership Team: take a lead role in the school to address the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning.

Support for pupils:

- Take a lead role in managing and delivering pastoral support to pupils identified by the Senior Leadership Team
- Manage the supervision of pupils working to a bespoke timetable
- Undertake assessments of pupils to determine those in need of particular help
- Assist teachers with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour/Support plans
- Take a lead role in the provision of support for pupils with special needs
- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model
- Support class teachers in managing the effective transfer of pupils between year groups and planned, phased integration of children into the classroom
- Provide information and advice to enable pupils to make choices about their own learning/behaviour
- Challenge and motivate pupils, promote and reinforce self-esteem, support them in the development of resilience
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress, achievement, behaviour etc.

Support for teachers:

- Support pupils' access to learning using appropriate strategies, resources etc.
- Work with other staff in planning, evaluating and adjusting learning activities as appropriate
- Monitor and evaluate pupils' responses and progress against pupil profiles through observation and planned recording
- Provide objective and accurate feedback as required, to other staff on pupils' achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
- Manage record keeping systems and processes for the children you are working with
- Take a lead role in the development and implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies
- Work as part of a team to develop systems relating to attendance and integration e.g. registration, non-attendance, pastoral systems

Support for the curriculum:

- Implement agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs
- 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

• Determine the need for, prepare and use specialist equipment, plans and resources to support pupils

Support for the school:

- Comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- Support and contribute to the school's Catholic ethos and the mission of the PFCMAC 'Imago Dei' –
 made in the image and likeness of God
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils
- Attend and participate in meetings as appropriate
- Participate in training and other learning activities as required
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advise and support others
- Contribute to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class

Working with others:

- Liaise between the Senior Leadership Team, SENCo, teaching staff and teaching assistants
- Provide support and guidance for other teaching assistants

HLTA Person Specification

Category	Essential	Desirable
Experience	 Experience of working with primary age children Experience of working with pupils with additional needs 	 Experience of taking a lead role in nurture Experience in using zones of regulation
Qualifications/training	 Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualifications or experience Excellent literacy and numeracy skills – equivalent to NVQ Level 2 in English and Maths 	Training in positive behaviour management / Team Teach
Knowledge/Skills	 Understanding of principles of child development and learning processes and in particular, barriers to learning Ability to build positive relationships with pupils and adults Knowledge of strategies for managing behaviour Flexible and adaptable Ability to think creatively Excellent communication skills Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation Working knowledge of national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes Ability to plan effective actions for pupils at risk of underachieving Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities Ability to relate well to children and adults Work constructively as part of a team, understanding roles within school? and responsibilities and your own position within these 	Understand the range of support services/providers