

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Teaching Assistant (Special School) Level 3

Grade: 6

Salary: SCP 20 – SCP 24

Conditions of Service: Support Staff Contract of Employment

Responsible to: Principal

Statement of Purpose

To work, under guidance, to provide support in addressing the needs of pupils who need particular help to overcome barriers to learning.

Supporting Pupils

- Provide pastoral support to pupils within the school environment.
- Receive and supervise pupils excluded from, or otherwise not working to, a normal timetable.
- Attend to pupils' personal needs and provide advice to assist in their social, health and hygiene development on a daily basis.
- Care for pupils who require complex medical care.
- Participate in the comprehensive assessment of pupils to determine those in need of particular help.
- In conjunction with the teacher the development and implementation of Individual Education/ Behaviour/Support/Mentoring plans.
- Support provision for pupils with additional needs.
- Develop 1:1 mentoring arrangements with pupils and provide support for distressed pupils.
- Use specialist knowledge/experience to provide appropriate support to pupils in relation to their individual needs (e.g. daily exercise programme).
- Provide feedback to pupils and teachers in relation to progress, achievement, behaviour, attendance etc.

Support for the Teacher

- To act as Cover Supervisor during teacher absence under the direction of a teacher/designated member of staff. Cover will be in accordance with the nationally agreed protocols and as provided for in the Education Act 2002. (The role of Cover Supervisor will be to supervise and take sole responsibility, for short term cover only, for a class/group who are undertaking preplanned work or where pupils are able to undertake effective, self directed learning¹.)
- 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 action plans through observation and planned recording.
- Under direction of teacher provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, to other staff on pupils' achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence (e.g. Headteacher).
- Be responsible for keeping and updating records as agreed with other staff, contributing to reviews of systems/records as requested.
- Assist in the development and implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers, exchanging information, facilitating their support for their child's attendance, access and learning and supporting home to school and community links.
- Assist the teacher in the development, implementation and monitoring of systems relating to attendance and integration.
- Clerical/admin support relating to classroom activity e.g. dealing with correspondence, compilation/analysis/reporting on attendance, exclusions etc, and making phone calls etc.
- Co-ordinate and organise pupils attending extra curricular activities/work experience or other out of school activities under guidance of teacher.

¹ Please see WAMG guidance notes on cover supervision – Page XXX. A cover supervisor will contribute to the delivery of learning, but will not be expected to deliver lessons unless guidance and supervision is available from a suitably qualified member of staff. The Headteacher must be satisfied that the postholder has the skills, expertise and experience to undertake the cover role.

Support for the Curriculum

- Implement agreed learning activities/teaching programmes under direction of teacher.
- To be aware of and appreciate a range of activities, courses, organisations and individuals to provide support for pupils.
- Under direction of teacher determine the need for, prepare and use specialist equipment, plans and resources to support pupils.

Support to School (this list is not exhaustive and should reflect the ethos of the school)

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons you are responsible for or come into contact with.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.

- Liaise effectively with teachers/parents/guardians, welfare officers, health visitors and other professional staff as part of the routine consultative process.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Attend relevant meetings as required.1
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required (see footnote 1).
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advice and support others.

Note

The job holder will be expected to undertake any other duties which are not specifically listed but are within the remit, responsibility and accountability of the job.

Person Specification

| Minimum Criteria for Two Ticks * | Criteria | Measured by APP/I/ASS |
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| | Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three years experience of working to support children’s learning, gained in a relevant environment. • Experience of working with pupils with additional needs. | APP/I |
| | Qualifications/Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good numeracy/literacy skills equivalent to GCSE C and above. • NVQ 3 for Teaching Assistant (or recognised equivalent qualification). • Training in the relevant strategies e.g. literacy and/or in particular curriculum or learning area such as bilingual, sign language, dyslexia, ICT, CACHE, etc. | APP/I |
| | Knowledge/Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice. • In depth understanding of areas of learning, e.g. literacy, numeracy, science, SEN, Early Years. • Understanding of principles of child development and learning processes and in particular, barriers to learning. • Ability to plan effective actions for pupils at risk of underachieving. • Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities. • Effective use of ICT to support learning. • Use of other equipment technology – video, photocopier. • Excellent interpersonal skills to be able to relate well to a wide range of people. • Work constructively as part of a team whilst being able to demonstrate initiative. • Good communication skills. • Willing to work towards NVQ Level 3 or recognised equivalent. | APP/I |
| | Behavioural Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer focused. • Has a professional and respectful approach, which demonstrates support and shows mutual respect. • Can demonstrate active listening skills. • Takes responsibility and accountability. • Committed to the needs of the pupils, parents and other stakeholders. • Demonstrates a positive attitude including suggesting solutions, participating, trusting and encouraging others and achieving expectations. | APP / I |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is committed to the provision and improvement of quality service provision. • Is adaptable to change/embraces and welcomes change. • Is enthusiastic and decisive. • Communicates effectively. • Has the ability to learn from experiences and challenges. • Is committed to the continuous development of self and others by keeping up to date and sharing knowledge, encouraging new ideas, seeking new opportunities and challenges, open to ideas and developing new skills. | |
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MEASURED BY KEY:

APP = Application form ASS = Assessment activities I = Formal interview

In addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children including:

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- Attitudes to the use of authority and maintaining discipline
- The post holder will be required to have an enhanced DBS check



If a disabled person meets the criteria indicated by the 'Two Ticks' symbol and provides evidence of this on their application form they will be guaranteed an interview.

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Note This job description and person specification conforms to the Shaw Education Trust job evaluation standards and cannot be amended/updated without SET HR approval.