



STAR ACADEMIES

Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders

SEND SUPPORT ASSISTANT

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB PURPOSE:

To contribute to the development of a strong, effective school with an emphasis on promoting a culture of educational excellence, within a caring and secure Islamic environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect which extends beyond the school into the wider community.

JOB SUMMARY:

1. Provide outstanding support to enable pupils with additional needs including those with SEN to play a full and active part in the life of the school and to make outstanding progress in their learning.
2. Support pupils in their educational and social development.
3. Motivate and encourage pupils.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Support for Pupils

- 1.1 Provide support for pupils with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), whilst employing teaching strategies to encourage pupils to work with increasing independence within a group and class.
- 1.2 Adapt or modify materials and resources to ensure full access to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- 1.3 Support pupil access to the curriculum by differentiating learning activities where appropriate.
- 1.4 Develop a positive relationship with the pupil to support progress and attainment and promote self-esteem and independence.
- 1.5 Support the pupil as part of a planned inclusion programme and provide intervention strategies and programmes as requested.
- 1.6 Provide feedback to the pupil on their progress, achievement and attainment.
- 1.7 Support the use of ICT in learning activities.
- 1.8 Deliver intervention and support strategies for specific pupils as directed by the teacher.

2. Support for Teachers

- 2.1 Provide advice and support to teachers and other support staff as to the most effective methods of support for pupils with learning needs.
- 2.2 Work with the teacher in lesson planning, One Page Profiles (OPPs), Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) targets, evaluating, and adjusting lessons / work plans as appropriate for pupils with SEND.

- 2.3 Liaise with external services as requested to receive and disseminate advice given to effectively support pupils across curriculum areas.
- 2.4 Liaise sensitively and effectively with parents and carers; and in languages other than English when necessary; and participate in feedback meetings with parents under the teacher's supervision.
- 2.5 Assist the class teacher in the development, monitoring and review of the pupil's One Page Profiles.
- 2.6 Attend specific training as and when required or requested by the SENDCO.
- 2.7 Assist in pupil supervision and management of pupil behaviour, in line with school procedures.
- 2.8 Be responsible for keeping and updating records as agreed with the teacher, contributing to the reviews of records and systems as requested.
- 2.9 Support the teacher by contributing to the delivery of local and national learning strategies and recording achievement, progress and providing feedback to the teacher.
- 2.10 Report on pupil achievement, progress and issues in a suitable format.
- 2.11 Administer and contribute to assessments as required.
- 2.12 Monitor and evaluate pupils' responses to learning activities through observation and planned recording of achievement against pre – determined learning objectives.
- 2.13 Provide the teacher with objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence.
- 2.14 Prepare the classroom as directed for lessons and clear afterwards. Assist with the display of pupil's work.
- 2.15 Ensure the timely and accurate design, preparation, and use of specialist equipment / resources / materials.
- 2.16 Manage the compilation of records, information and data.
- 2.17 Administer and assess routine assessments and accurately record achievement / progress.
- 2.18 Promote positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- 2.19 Assist the teacher in other everyday classroom duties as and when required to do so.

3. Support for the School

- 3.1 Support the maintenance and enhancement of the school's ethos and mission through their own outstanding professional conduct and high expectations of others.
- 3.2 Be aware of and comply with policies relating to child protection, health and safety, confidentiality and data protection.
- 3.3 Assist in providing an atmosphere in which effective learning can take place.
- 3.4 Support the promotion of positive relationships with parents and outside agencies.
- 3.5 Work within school policies and procedures.
- 3.6 Attend and participate in individual and team meetings as required.
- 3.7 Undertake personal development and improve own practice through training, observation, evaluation and discussion with colleagues including performance management and use this to support others.

- 3.8 Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips, out of school activities and enrichment programmes and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of a teacher.
- 3.9 Assist with the supervision of pupil out of lesson time.
- 3.10 Work as part of a team and support the role of other people in the team.

4. Other Responsibilities

- 4.1 Promote the Trust's vision of 'nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders'.
- 4.2 Champion the Trust's values of 'Service', 'Teamwork', 'Ambition' and 'Respect'.
- 4.3 Contribute to the wider life of the Trust and the Star community.
- 4.4 Carry out any such duties as may be reasonably required by the Trust.

5. Records Management

- 5.1 All staff who create, receive, and use records in the course of their job are responsible for ensuring that records are managed appropriately. It is therefore likely that this post-holder will have responsibility for record-keeping as part of the role. Employees are required to be conversant with the Trust's policies and procedures on records management.

This appointment is with Star Academies. The job description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to this post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be reviewed in negotiation with the employee in the future. The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the 'Star Academies Contract'.



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PERSON SPECIFICATION

			Assessed by:	
No	CATEGORIES	Essential/ Desirable	App Form	Interview /Task
QUALIFICATIONS				
1.	NVQ Level 2 Teaching Assistant or equivalent	E	✓	
2.	Strong academic record including Maths and English GCSE grade C (or equivalent) or better	E	✓	
3.	Degree Level qualification	D	✓	
4.	First Aid qualifications	D	✓	
5.	Evidence of continuous professional development	E	✓	
EXPERIENCE				
6.	Working with children in a school setting.	E	✓	✓
7.	Experience of working with children with SEND.	E	✓	✓
8.	Contributing to development, monitoring and review of Individual Education Plans.	E	✓	✓
9.	Working within a primary school.	D	✓	✓
10.	Experience of assessment within a Primary School context	D	✓	✓
11.	Supporting pupils who have specific difficulties	D	✓	✓
12.	Working with pupils who have physical disabilities	D	✓	✓
13.	Experience of communicating with parents within a school setting	D	✓	
ABILITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE				
14.	Ability to maintain positive relationships with pupils and other adults.	E	✓	✓
15.	Ability to work with pupils on a one to one, small groups and whole class.	E	✓	✓

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16.	Ability to contribute effectively to teachers' planning and preparation for lessons.	E	✓	✓
17.	Ability to support teachers in evaluating pupils' progress through a range of assessment activities.	E	✓	✓
18.	Ability to monitor pupils' responses to learning and modify approach accordingly	E	✓	✓
19.	Ability to work effectively within a team.	E	✓	✓
20.	Effective classroom and behaviour management skills.	E	✓	✓
21.	Ability to communicate effectively in community languages.	D	✓	✓
22.	Knowledge of strategies to support pupils with additional needs but particularly ASD/Communication Difficulties	E	✓	✓
23.	Good ICT skills for word-processing and use of learning software, including online resources.	E	✓	✓
24.	Knowledge of the national curriculum.	E	✓	✓
PERSONAL QUALITIES				
25.	A passionate belief in the school's mission statement.	E	✓	✓
26.	Highest levels of professional and personal integrity.	E	✓	✓
27.	A strong commitment to inclusion and overcoming barriers to learning and achievement.	E	✓	✓
28.	Personal resilience, persistence and perseverance.	E	✓	✓
29.	Commitment to undertaking additional training where required.	E	✓	✓
30.	Commitment to undertaking additional training where required	E	✓	✓
31.	Clear understanding of, and respect for, confidentiality	E	✓	✓
32.	A passionate belief in the Trust's vision of 'nurturing today's young people, inspiring tomorrow's leaders'.	E	✓	✓
33.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Service'.	E	✓	✓
34.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Teamwork'.	E	✓	✓
35.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Ambition'.	E	✓	✓

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36.	A strong commitment to the Trust value of 'Respect'.	E	✓	✓
37.	Commitment to support Star Academies' agenda for safeguarding and equality and diversity.	E	✓	✓
38.	Sympathetic to and supportive of the Mixed Multi-Academy Trust Model and ethos of the Establishment.	E	✓	✓