## **Person Specification - SENDCo**

### Qualifications

- Qualified Teacher status
- Qualified SENDCo or a willingness to complete the National Award for SEN co-ordination within three years of appointment
- Honours Degree or equivalent
- Commitment to personal growth and professional development

### **Experience**

- In the role of SENDCO / supporting children with SEN or a middle leader of a key curriculum area leading and working as part of a team
- Experience of working at a whole school level / project
- Successful experience of working with and teaching pupils with SEN, emotional and behavioural needs
- Involvement in self-evaluation and improvement planning
- Experience of leading training and INSET
- Effective working with a variety of stakeholders
- Experience of teaching KS3 and 4 pupils
- Experience of using assessment to raise standards

### **Skills and Abilities**

- An ability to relate to, and empathise with children with SEND
- A sensitivity to the needs of parents/carers
- An ability to work hard, produce accurate work and meet deadlines under pressure
- An ability to communicate clearly in writing and orally to a variety of audiences
- An ability to deal sensitively and effectively with pastoral issues relating to all pupils and staff
- Extensive ICT skills that reflect the impact of technology on classroom and whole school needs
- The highest inter-personal skills and ability to work collaboratively
- An ability to keep effective records
- Excellent creative teaching ability

## **Knowledge and Understanding**

- A thorough knowledge of the SEND Code of Practice and statutory responsibilities
- Knowledge of the needs and difficulties experienced by children with SEN and the necessary strategies to raise standards, achievement and provide support for them in a mainstream educational setting
- A sound knowledge of SEND and the National Curriculum
- Data analysis skills and the ability to use data to inform provision planning

# **Personal Qualities and Abilities**

- A positive and resilient individual with drive, initiative, vision and commitment to improve standards in the school
- An enthusiastic, confident and able communicator
- The highest inter-personal skills and ability to work collaboratively
- An effective organiser who is a task "finisher"
- The ability to lead, motivate and inspire all stakeholders
- A commitment to inclusion and raising standards for all
- A commitment to their own personal and professional growth