Senior Learning Support Assistant (SLSA)

South Petherton Schools Federation

Salary: Somerset Support Staff Pay Grade 13, Points 8-11 (£13.90- £14.59 per hour)

Hours: 35 hours per week (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:00pm, 30-minute unpaid lunch)

Contract: Fixed Term 1st January 2027 to 31st August 2027 in the first instance

Are you passionate about SEND and inclusion? Do you believe the right relationships and the right provision can change a child's school experience?

We are looking for a skilled, nurturing practitioner to take a leading role in supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN), while also guiding and coordinating a small team of Learning Support Assistants based at our Junior School.

Working closely with the SENCo, teachers and senior leaders, you will help deliver high-quality, inclusive provision that enables every child to achieve their full potential.

You will deliver targeted interventions, support pupils to regulate and re-engage, and work closely with class teachers and the SENCo to ensure pupils remain connected to their class learning and make strong progress.

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced SEN practitioner (or an aspiring HLTA) who is passionate about SEND. We value warmth, expertise, teamwork, and a solution-focused mindset.

What You'll Do:

- Lead and support a team of LSAs to deliver effective SEN provision
- Provide tailored support to pupils with a range of additional needs
- Plan and deliver targeted interventions for individuals and small groups
- Support pupils' social, emotional and behavioural development
- Work collaboratively with teachers, parents and external professionals
- Contribute to the planning, monitoring and review of pupil progress

We are looking for someone who:

- Has experience supporting pupils with SEN in a school setting
- Is confident leading and motivating a small team
- Demonstrates strong communication and organisational skills
- Has a calm, patient and adaptable approach
- Is committed to inclusive education and pupil wellbeing

Why Join Us?

At South Petherton Schools Federation, we are proud of our inclusive ethos and supportive working environment. We are committed to staff development and wellbeing and offer a collaborative team culture where your contribution will make a real difference.

Safeguarding

South Petherton Schools Federation is an equal opportunities employer and committed to safer recruitment practices. Pre employment checks will be completed prior to appointment. We are dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS.

If you would like further information about this role, please contact the School Office on 01460 240172.

Applicants are encouraged to read the Job Description and Person Specification before applying.

Please return your completed application form to:

office@southpethertonjuniorschool.co.uk

We warmly encourage visits to the school. Please contact the office to arrange a visit ahead of submitting your application.

Closing date: **Thursday 10th December 2026**

Interview date: **Monday 14th December 2026**

If you have not been contacted regarding an interview by Friday 11th December 2026, please assume that, on this occasion, your application has not been successful.