



## Senior (Specialist) Teaching & Learning Support Assistant

Vacancy Information

## We are Humber Education Trust.



Humber Education Trust’s vision is to develop a high performing Multi Academy Trust that delivers the very best educational experience for all children and young people.

We will grow, develop, support and improve our schools across the Trust, with a clear focus on raising standards, encouraging innovation and strengthening the ethos of the Trust to ensure that we have a positive impact on all of the children and young people within the Trust.

As a partnership, our strength lies in a common purpose: high aspirations, moral values, care and support; yet celebrates our individual uniqueness. As a trust, we will drive these aims further and faster for the benefit of our pupils and our communities.

Humber Education Trust is also recognised by the DfE as an Academy Sponsor. This means that through the Trust, we are held accountable for sponsored schools who may join us, to ensure improvement in outcomes and taking responsibility for their performance and financial arrangements.

Humber Education Trust is supported by a strong Trust Board who provide effective support and the challenge required to ensure that we build on our track record of excellence to provide strategic partnerships to improve quality, share best practice and operate effectively and efficiently. We believe passionately that every penny that comes into a school should be spent on the development and provision of a first-class standard of education for all.

Humber Education Trust is a growing trust of 17 schools (13 primary schools and 4 special schools). We have a strong moral purpose and a determination to provide the best education possible for the children in our care.

- We always put the needs of children first
- We celebrate what joins us and also what makes our schools unique
- We embrace links with other education providers as we seek the best outcomes for children
- We have high aspirations for everyone in the school community
- We personalise the support offered to pupils, staff members and schools alike
- We believe in system leadership
- We are passionate educators of everyone in the school community
- We welcome challenge as this promotes positive change
- We are determined to achieve the best outcomes for every individual
- We are relentless in our pursuit of excellence

Thank you for showing an interest in working within our Trust. I wish you well with your application.



**Rachel Wilkes**  
*Chief Executive Officer*





## SENIOR (SPECIALIST) TEACHING & LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

**Grade & Scale point:** 6, Scp 14-19  
**Salary:** £27,334 - £29,777 FTE, £21,034 - £22,914 Actual Salary  
**Hours of work:** 33 hours per week  
**Contract:** Permanent, Term-time + 5 training days (195 days/year)  
**Start date:** January 2025

We pride ourselves on our outstanding quality of education and are seeking a Senior (Specialist) Teaching & Learning Support Assistant to strengthen our primary school team.

Many of our pupils have complex medical needs as well as learning, physical and/or communication difficulties. You will be expected to work across the school individually with pupils and/or with groups in class. The pupils require high levels of adult support not only to access the school curriculum but also with personal care routines.

### JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Provide effective classroom support, including short-term, whole class/group supervision in the absence of the teacher
- Supervise and provide specialist support/skills/training/experience for pupils/individuals in order to guide and assist with language, numeracy and functional skills, ensuring their safety and access to all learning activities
- Contribute to planning and evaluation of learning, providing detailed and regular feedback to teachers on learners' attainment, progress, behaviour and attitudes to learning
- Analyses the impact of strategies and initiatives and, in consultation with the teacher, adapts them accordingly.
- Supervise out of school learning activities as required and directed by the teacher, e.g. community visits, completing EVOLVE/Local Visit Forms as per policies and procedures
- Liaise sensitively and effectively with parents/carers as agreed with the teacher within your role/responsibility and participate in feedback sessions/meetings with parents/carers and/or other professionals as directed

### THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL HAVE:

- GCSE English and Maths Grade A-C (or equivalent)
- NVQ Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification
- Understanding of National Curriculum, EYFS Guidance and other codes of practice e.g. SEN, Equalities, Safeguarding
- Ability to work independently with groups of pupils or individuals
- A sound knowledge of observations, ability to observe and accurately record children's learning
- Ability to support colleagues with best practice

**AS A MEMBER OF HUMBER EDUCATION TRUST, WE OFFER:**

- Commitment to securing the very best provision and outcomes for all children.
- A Trust with expertise in every area of the curriculum, both in primary and special settings, through our Teaching & Learning Ambassadors and peer networks.
- Outstanding individually tailored continual professional development for staff at all levels.
- Staff who feel valued and supported in their roles.
- A caring and safe environment where we recognise the diverse needs of our community, ensuring our young people from all backgrounds thrive.
- Ethical working with mutual respect and collaboration.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please download our [Application Form](#). Once complete, please upload and submit to our ETeach career page with an optional cover letter.

All candidates are advised to refer to the job description and person specification before making an application.

Early application is encouraged. We will review applications throughout the advertising period and therefore reserve the right to close the advert early should sufficient applications be received.

**Closing date for completed applications:** 8am, Monday 11 November 2024

**Interview date:** w/c 18 November 2024

If you have any queries regarding the role or application process, please contact Danielle Abbott, on Tel: 01482 755528.

**CONDITIONAL OFFER:**

Any offer of employment to this post will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service, Children's Barred List Check, Section 128 check where applicable, identity checks, medical clearance, proof of qualifications, satisfactory references and eligibility to work in the UK checks. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to an online search and required to complete a self-declaration of their criminal record.

**SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT:**

Humber Education Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

**SCHOOL:** Ganton Special School      **GRADE:** 6

**JOB TITLE:** Senior (Specialist) Teaching and Learning Support Assistant

**DATE PREPARED:** February 2020      **EVALUATION DATE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**DIGNITY AT WORK:** To show, at all times, a personal commitment to treating all stakeholders and colleagues in a fair and respectful way, which gives positive regard to people’s differences and individuality (for example, gender, gender identity, nationality or ethnic origin, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age). Assists in ensuring equal access to services and employment opportunities for everyone and promotes the Equal Opportunities in Employment Policy adopted by the Trust/school.

**PURPOSE:**

To work under the instructions and guidance of teaching staff within and outside the classroom to:

- Provide effective support as required, including short-term, whole class/group supervision in the absence of the teacher
- Support the academic, social, emotional and development of individuals and groups of learners understanding clearly how children, young people and vulnerable adults with complex and Special Educational Needs learn
- Provide effective support to maximise the attainment and accelerate the progress of individuals and groups of learners across all phases and stages
- Support the personal, physical, social and mental health needs of learners as per school policies, procedures and individual plans, including attending any and all relevant CPD/training to facilitate this.

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

**Support for pupils**

1	Be proactive in the promotion of the welfare, health and safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults, including assisting in the maintenance of a safe environment for pupils and staff
2	Supervises and provides specialist support/skills/training/experience for pupils/individuals in order to guide and assist with language, numeracy and functional skills, ensuring their safety and access to all learning activities
3	Assists with the development and/or implementation of Individual Education, Behaviour Health/medical Plans and Personal Care programmes as per school policies and procedures
4	Supports the growth and intellectual development of all learners relevant to their starting point and individual needs
5	Establishes constructive relationships with children, young people and vulnerable adults and interacts with them according to individual needs and abilities
6	Promotes the inclusion, engagement and participation of all learners, encouraging interaction and co-operation, where required, to achieve inclusion, acceptance and progress

7	Support children, young people and vulnerable adults in their learning and development e.g. through the acquisition of cognitive and learning skills by speaking clearly and using all other, appropriate forms of communication (signing, symbols, AAC)
8	Sets challenging and demanding expectations and promotes self-esteem, resilience and independence
9	Provide feedback to learners, teachers and parents in relation to progress towards academic, social, behavioural and learning to learn skills, recognising and rewarding all achievements a per school policy and procedures
10	To liaise closely with appropriate staff, families and other professionals in relation to safeguarding, behaviour and wellbeing issues
<b>Support for Teachers</b>	
11	Creates and maintains a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment (both indoor and outdoor), de-cluttering and maintaining child friendly spaces at all times.
12	Supports teaching staff with routine administration and clerical support, e.g. producing worksheets, photocopying for agreed activities.
13	Develops and maintains displays within and outside the classroom
14	Assists the teacher with the planning of learning activities and contributes to the planning and evaluation of learning and assists in the recording of pupils' progress.
15	Assists in the monitoring and marking of learners' responses to learning activities, makes use of the school's tracking data and completes accurate records
16	Analyses the impact of strategies and initiatives and, in consultation with the teacher, adapts them accordingly.
17	Provides detailed and regular feedback to teachers on learners' attainment, progress, behaviour and attitudes to learning and assists in the recording of learners' progress
18	Liaise sensitively and effectively with parents/carers as agreed with the teacher within your role/responsibility and participate in feedback sessions/meetings with parents/carers and/or other professionals as directed
19	Encourages pupils/students to develop as independent learners in line with their needs and abilities
20	Promotes good pupil/student behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with School procedures and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
<b>Support for the curriculum</b>	
21	Undertakes structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to learner responses, including 1:1 and group reading interventions as directed, also during pupil breaks and lunchtimes.
22	Under the direction of senior staff delivers bespoke intervention and enrichment programmes e.g. literacy, numeracy, guided reading, phonics, spelling, language development, Early Years, social skills recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher.
23	Supports the use of ICT in learning activities and develop learners' competence and independence in its use.
24	Prepares, maintains and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assists learners in their use.

<b>Support for the school</b>	
25	Awareness of and complies with all school policies and procedures, including those relating to child protection, safeguarding, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
26	Awareness of the diverse needs of all learners to ensure equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
27	Supports and challenges high levels of attendance and punctuality
28	Attends all CPD training, including on-line training and/or meetings as required including First Aid, Moving & Handling, TEAM TEACH, Health & Safety and the participation in performance development
29	Maintain records of administered medicine and administer appropriate medication in accordance with the school's policy and as authorised by parents/carers, if directed to undertake this responsibility.
30	Contributes to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
31	In conjunction with the teacher provide support via coaching and mentoring and modelling an enthusiasm for improving personal performance of themselves and others
32	Appreciates and supports the role of other professionals.
33	Undertakes the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school, at lunch times and at break times
34	As directed by the teacher supervise out of school learning activities when required, e.g. community visits, completing EVOLVE and Local Visit Forms as per school policies and procedures
35	Accompanies teaching staff and pupils/students on visits and out of school activities as required and takes responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher.
36	Participates in discussions with parents/carers under the general direction of a teacher
37	The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and associated legislation places responsibilities for health and safety on Schools, as your employer and you as an employee of the school. In addition to the school's overall duties, the post holder has personal responsibility for their own health & safety and that of other employees; additional and more specific responsibilities are identified in the Schools H&S policy.

**GENERAL:**

The above principal accountabilities are not exhaustive and may vary without changing the character of the job or level of responsibility. The post-holder must be flexible to ensure the operational needs of the academy are met. This includes the undertaking of duties of a similar nature and responsibility as and when required, throughout the various work places in the school and before and after the school day.

**DIMENSIONS:**

**1. Responsibility for Staff:**

None.

**2. Responsibility for Stakeholders/Clients:**

Under the direction of the teacher/senior staff responsibility for working with a named individual or identified group of learners, their parents and other staff members, following agreed plans and protocols.

**3. Responsibility for Budgets:**

None.

**4. Responsibility for Physical Resources:**

Safe use, moving and storage of all equipment used in the course of the role.

**WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:**

**1. Within Service Area/Section:**

Responsible for pupils/students in their daily care, colleagues within the school, parents and governors

**2. With Any Other Areas (where applicable)**

Educational support staff and educational support services  
Other schools within HET and educational establishments

**3. With External Bodies to the Academy**

Responsible for engaging in training  
Public and Health Services  
Community Representatives  
Local Authority

**ORGANISATION CHART:**

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher/Head of School

Assistant Head Teacher/Phase leader

Teachers

Senior (Specialist) Teaching & Learning Support Assistant



	Not applicable	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Intense	Supporting Information (if applicable)
<b>PHYSICAL DEMANDS:</b> Physical Effort and/or Strain – (tiredness, aches and pains over and above that normally incurred in a day-to-day office environment).			✓				Some pupils may need to be physically restrained for their own and others safety (full training given).
<b>WORKING CONDITIONS:</b> Working Conditions – (exposure to objectionable, uncomfortable or noxious conditions over and above that normally incurred in a day-to-day office environment).			✓				Possible exposure to violent/aggressive behaviours, which could result in injury (see above).
<b>EMOTIONAL DEMANDS:</b> Exposure to objectionable situations over and above that normally incurred in a day-to-day office environment.			✓				Occasional rudeness and confrontational behaviour from pupils and very rarely, parents. Some learners may have progressive and terminal conditions

<b>PERSON SPECIFICATION</b>				
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Qualifications:</b>			
1.1	GCSE English and maths Grade A-C (or equivalent – e.g. Certificate in Adult Literacy / Numeracy Level 2)	✓		AF
1.2	NVQ Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification	✓		AF
1.3	Safeguarding Level 1	✓		AF
1.4	Bespoke training relevant to role, including First Aid, Speech and Language, TOTT		✓	AF
<b>2.</b>	<b>Relevant Experience:</b>			
2.1	Experience of working with families, children, young people and vulnerable adults aged 3-19 years.	✓		AF/R
2.2	Experience of working with and supporting children, young people and vulnerable adults in a learning environment who have SEN, in particular Learning Disabilities	✓		AF/R
2.3	Assisting teachers in accurately assessing the performance of pupils and providing appropriate feedback to the teacher		✓	R/I
2.4	Involvement in teaching of phonics in whole class and small group activities		✓	AF
2.5	Effective use of ICT to support teaching and learning	✓		R/I
2.6	Led out of school learning / activities		✓	AF
2.7	Delivered intervention with positive measurable impact	✓		R/I
2.8	Experience of positive parent/partner links and working alongside multiagency teams		✓	R/I
2.9	Experience of mentoring and coaching other practitioners		✓	R/I
<b>3.</b>	<b>Skills (including thinking challenge/mental demands):</b>			
3.1	Ability to be flexible to adapt to changing workload demands and new school challenges	✓		R/I
3.2	Motivation to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.	✓		R/I
3.3	Competent ICT skills	✓		R/I
3.4	Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children, young people and vulnerable adults.	✓		R/I
3.5	Ability to support colleagues with best practice	✓		AF, R/I
3.6	Ability to supervise class and/or educational visit sessions and evaluate learning activities	✓		AF, R/I
3.7	Ability to work independently with groups of pupils or individuals	✓		R/I
3.8	Ability to observe and accurately record children's learning	✓		R/I
<b>4.</b>	<b>Knowledge:</b>			
4.1	Understanding of child development and how children learn	✓		R/I

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4.2	A knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.	✓		R/I
4.3	Understanding of National Curriculum, EYFS, relevant Guidance and codes of practice e.g. SEN, Equalities	✓		R/I
4.4	Sound knowledge of phonics and guided reading within school in order to raise attainment in reading	✓		R/I
4.5	Working knowledge of ICT including use of iPads, Microsoft Office and email	✓		R/I
4.6	Knowledge of Health and Safety requirements	✓		I
4.7	A knowledge of SEN and autism specific strategies, including PECS, TEACCH, Intensive Interaction		✓	AF, R/I
4.8	A sound knowledge of observations and how to use them to assess pupil progress	✓		R/I
5.	<b>Interpersonal/Communication Skills:</b>			
	<b>Verbal Skills</b>			
5.1	Relates well to children, young people and vulnerable adults. by recognising age / stage of development and individual needs	✓		R/I
5.2	Ability to interact well using courtesy, tact and diplomacy and negotiation skills	✓		R/I
5.3	Ability to establish professional, effective working relationships with a range of partners/colleagues and children and young people.	✓		R/I
5.4	Speaks clearly and accurately using grammatically correct spoken English	✓		R/I
5.5	Ability to work constructively and proactively as part of a team, understands classroom roles and working within this position as part of a team	✓		R/I
5.6	Effective communication skills to model good practice for pupils and stakeholders	✓		R/I
5.7	Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and to actively seek learning opportunities	✓		R/I
5.8	<b>Written Skills</b>			
	Highly competent written skills, including spelling and grammar, including use of ICT	✓		AF
<b>The requirements listed below are not considered during the job evaluation process, but are essential requirements for the role that will be assessed during the recruitment process.</b>				
6	<b>Additional Requirements:</b>			
6.1	Maintains high levels of confidentiality at all times	✓		R/I
6.2	Makes a commitment to the wider life of the school	✓		R/I

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6.3	Ability to present a smart professional image in line with the Dress Code of the School	✓		R/I
6.4	Engage in additional training and development including being proactive in identifying own development needs	✓		AF
6.5	Self-motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the required time scales and quality standards	✓		AF
6.6	Strives for excellence and ways to improve their own performance and the performance of the school	✓		AF
6.7	<b>Disclosure of Criminal Record:</b>			
	The successful candidate's appointment will be subject to the academy obtaining a satisfactory Enhanced and Barring List Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.	✓		DBS Disclosure

**Notes:**

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

I have read and accept the role of Senior (Specialist) Teaching & Learning Support Assistant.

Signed Postholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## Vision & Values

### **We are Humber Education Trust.**

Our strength lies in a common purpose: high aspirations, moral values, care and support; yet celebrates our individual uniqueness. This is inclusion in its truest sense. We recognise that as every child needs different things to achieve the same end point, their full potential, so too do the schools that nurture and develop those children.

One size does not fit all.

Our commitment stretches across the breadth of our community with children firmly at the heart of all that we do. We are outward looking, embracing links with other education providers and agencies as we all seek the best outcomes for children.

We believe in innovative staff development opportunities at all levels, so that our teams enable our pupils and families to shine. We are passionate educators, both of ourselves and of others, prioritising resources to have the greatest impact, every minute of every day, on the children we serve.

We welcome challenge as this promotes positive change. Our determination to achieve the best outcomes for every individual means that we are relentless in our pursuit of excellence.

Only our best is good enough.

**This is us. Humber Education Trust.**



**Humber Education Trust**  
Where everybody counts, every moment matters.



## Work for Humber Education Trust

We value our employees

The following **benefits** are available to employees within our academies:

### Financial

- Competitive Salary
- Teacher's Pension & Local Government Pension Scheme
- Occupational Sick Pay

### Family Friendly

- Maternity, paternity and adoption leave
- Parental and dependent care leave
- Flexible working

### Employee Benefits - Permanent Contracted Employees & Fixed Term

- Staff Wellbeing EAP - 24/7 Confidential counselling service
- Integrated GP service
- Physiotherapy
- SAS Gym and 12 week weight management programme
- Preparing parents programme
- Financial wellbeing support
- Discounts on high street brands and stores via online discount platform
- 20% Discounted Gym Membership - Hull City Council Leisure

### Professional Development

- Continuous Professional Development for All Staff
- Access to Middle and Senior Leadership Courses
- Supportive staff, committed to improvement, who will work with you to achieve your goals

*The opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of our students*