

## Job Description: Teaching Assistant

St Benet's Multi Academy Trust and Harleston Sancroft Academy are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children and Young People, and require all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

<b>Responsible to</b>	SENDCo
<b>Grade</b>	Scale C
<b>Hours</b>	32.5 hours per week
<b>Location</b>	Based at Harleston Sancroft Academy. You may be required to travel to undertake work at academies and sites within St Benet's Multi Academy Trust as needed.

### Job Purpose

- Under the instruction/guidance of teaching or other senior staff and within the overall ethos of the school, undertake care and learning programmes and activities to support individuals or groups of students/children, including more specialised support for those with special education needs.
- Enable access to learning for pupils and assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.
- Work may be carried out in the classroom or in other teaching areas.

### Duties and responsibilities

#### Support for Pupils

- To attend to the personal and social needs of pupils and any other special requirements depending on the nature of a pupils' needs
- Supervise and support pupils ensuring their safety and access to learning.
- Establish good relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual needs, promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils and encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.

#### Support for the Teacher

- Prepare classroom as directed for lessons and after clear away and assist with the display of pupils' work
- Be aware of pupil problems, progress and achievements, report to the teacher as agreed and undertake pupil record -keeping as requested
- Support the teacher in managing teacher behaviour, reporting difficulties as appropriate.
- Provide clerical and administrative support by photocopying, typing, filing and collecting money.

#### Support for the Curriculum

- Support pupils to understand instructions and in undertaking literacy and numeracy tasks as directed by the teacher.

- Prepare and maintain equipment / resources as directed by the teacher and assist pupils in their use, including the use of basic IT as directed.

**Support for the School**

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection (GDPR), 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.
- Attend relevant meetings as required and participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with the supervision on pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school. Accompany teaching staff and pupils in visits and out of school activities as required.
- Undertake other similar duties and activities that fall within the grade and scope of the post, as directed by the Headteacher / Executive Headteacher

**Line management**

- The job involves no direct responsibility for the supervision or direction of other employees. The work may involve demonstration of own duties, or providing advice and guidance to new employees or others.

**Professional Development**

- Maintain personal professional development to ensure that the knowledge and skills required to fulfill the role of Teaching Assistant are up to date.
- Be a professional role model, and understand and promote the aims of the Academy and the values of the Trust. Including promoting our culture of high aspiration that is rooted in our Christian values as demonstrated in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

<b>Special conditions of employment</b>
<p><b>Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974</b></p> <p>This job is exempt under the Exceptions Orders to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Appointment to this job is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure being obtained, and any relevant cautions, convictions, bindover orders and warnings being considered.</p> <p>If the jobholder is arrested, summonsed for an offence or receives a conviction a bindover order or a warning given by a police force, they are required to inform the Headteacher of this fact immediately. Such information will be treated in confidence, so far as this is consistent with the safety of children, compliance with statutory child protection procedures and the Trust’s relevant policies. Failure to disclose such information may result in disciplinary action which could lead to the termination of the jobholder’s employment.</p>
<p><b>Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People</b></p> <p>The jobholder is required to follow all Trust and academy policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding at all times, and to adhere to the statutory guidance ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’. The jobholder must take appropriate action in the event that they have concerns, or are made aware of the concerns of others, regarding the safety or wellbeing of children or young people.</p>

**Health and Safety**

The jobholder is required to exercise their duty of care by taking responsibility for their own health and safety, and the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or failure to act. Full guidance regarding health and safety is set out in the Trust's Health and Safety Policy, and in any risk assessments relevant to the jobholder's role or circumstances. Both can be accessed via the jobholder's line manager, and the jobholder is required to comply with these and to use any protective clothing or equipment as instructed at all times.

**Confidentiality and Data Protection**

The jobholder is expected to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations. Any information they have access to, or are responsible for, must be managed appropriately and any requirements for confidentiality and security observed. Information must not be disclosed to any person or Authority, for example a parent or the Police, without observing the correct procedure for disclosure as set out in the Trust's Data Protection Policy. Nothing shall prevent the jobholder from disclosing information that they are entitled to disclose under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 as amended, provided that the disclosure is made in accordance with the provisions of that Act/s.

**Equality and Diversity**

The Trust and the academy are committed to equality and value diversity. As such the Trust and the academy are committed to fulfilling their Equality Duty obligations and expect all employees to share this commitment. The Duty requires the Trust and the academy to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share characteristics, such as age, gender, race and faith, and people who do not share them. The jobholder is required to treat all people they come into contact with, with dignity and respect, and is entitled to expect this in return.

**Training and Continuous Professional Development**

The Trust has a shared responsibility with the jobholder for identifying and satisfying training and development needs. The jobholder is expected to actively contribute to their continuous professional development and learning, to engage positively in the performance management process, and to attend and participate in any training or development activities required to assist them in fulfilling their role and meeting their safeguarding and general obligations.

**The Trust Operates a Strictly No Smoking or Vaping Policy**

This applies to all Trust premises and those where Trust services are provided.

**This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the jobholder and identifies the level of responsibility at which the jobholder will be required to work, as at the date on which the last review took place.**

**This job description may be subject to review and / or amendment at any time to reflect the requirements of the job. Any amendments will be made in consultation with any existing jobholder, and will be commensurate with the grade for the job. The jobholder is expected to comply with any reasonable management requests.**

**Job description reviewed by:**

**Date:**