PERSON SPECIFICATION: Teaching Assistant – Developing Entry Level 1



ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL CRITERIA	DESIRABLE CRITERIA
KNOWLEDGE & QUALIFICATIONS	 Knowledge and understanding of classroom roles and responsibilities and own position within these. Basic, relevant and up to date knowledge of the relevant curriculum and associated safeguarding approaches. Understand relevant policies, guidance and legislation with a commitment to keeping abreast of developments, including latest safeguarding guidance. Good literacy and numeracy competency (evidenced by GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above, equivalent qualifications or experience). Commitment to undertake relevant qualifications, e.g. relevant NVQ Level 2/3 in supporting teaching and learning or equivalent, first aid qualification, and to ensure ongoing professional development. Able to demonstrate ability to work at a minimum of NVQ Level 2 in supporting teaching and learning or equivalent. 	 NVQ for Teaching Assistants level 2 or above, or equivalent. First aid qualification.
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE	 Able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Demonstrates an ability to understand and convey complex information. Able to engage students and manage behaviour on a one to one or small group basis. Strong interpersonal skills, in particular demonstrates empathy and active listening. Good planning and organisational skills, specifically with regard to learning activities and support materials. Effective use of IT for own planning and to support students. Works collaboratively to ensure best outcomes for children. Adapts practice to meet individual needs and ensure an inclusive approach, including with SEND students, students with additional needs/ disabilities. Works effectively with parents/ carers and external stakeholders. Self-evaluates learning needs and seeks professional development opportunities. Adheres to strict confidentiality requirements. Willingness to work at different CLF sites and attend meetings off site if required. 	Experience of or willingness to train, in order to offer personal care support to students with a physical disability (where relevant).
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	 A keen interest in working with children and commitment to inclusion and acceptance of all. Patient, calm and able to work under pressure. Caring and understanding attitude, sensitive and responsive to the needs of children and their parents/ carers. Emotional intelligence and resilience. Hard working, flexible and reliable. Commitment to continuous improvement through professional development, self-evaluation and awareness. Role model the positive values, attitudes and behaviour expected of students. Commitment to and able to work in a way that promotes and respects equal opportunities and diversity. Commitment to and able to work in a way that promotes the safety and well-being of children and young people. 	