

LOWER MEADOW PRIMARY ACADEMY



Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

TEACHING ASSISTANT

CANDIDATE PACK



Job Description

JOB TITLE:

Teaching Assistant

SALARY RANGE:

£23,893 per annum full time equivalent salary
SCP 6

ACTUAL SALARY IF PRO RATA:

£18,945 per annum

CONTRACT TYPE:

Permanent

WORKING PATTERN:

34 hours per week

39 weeks per year – term time plus 5 INSET days



Role Description

Purpose

To work under the guidance of teaching staff or Higher Level Teaching Assistants to implement agreed work programmes with individuals / groups both within and out of the classroom. This may include the use of detailed and specialist knowledge in particular areas and will involve assisting the Teacher in the whole planning cycle and with the management / preparation of resources.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Support for Pupils

- Attend to the pupils' personal needs, and implement related personal programmes, including social, health, physical, hygiene, first aid and welfare matters
- 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
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- Encourage pupils to act independently as appropriate
- Support pupils in accessing learning activities as directed by the teacher.

Support for the Teacher

- Prepare the classroom as directed for lessons and clear afterwards and assist with the display of pupils work
- Be aware of pupil problems/progress/achievements and report to the teacher as agreed
- Undertake pupil record keeping as requested and other basic record keeping
- Support the teacher in managing pupil behaviour, reporting difficulties as appropriate
- Gather/report information from/to parents/carers as directed
- Provide clerical/administrative support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, collecting/recording money etc
- Ensure the maintenance of a clean and orderly working environment
- Timely and accurate preparation of routine equipment/resources/materials as set out in instructions.
- Assist the teacher with learning activities ensuring health and safety and good behaviour of pupils.



Role Description

Main Duties and Responsibilities Continued

Support for the Curriculum

- Support pupils to understand instructions given
- Have an understanding of the national curriculum in order to support pupils in their learning of all curriculum subjects
- Support pupils in using basic ICT as directed
- Prepare and maintain equipment/resources as directed by the teacher and assist pupils in their use
- Monitor and arrange orderly and secure storage of supplies
- Operation of every day equipment in accordance with instructions
- Maintenance of every day equipment, check for quality/safety
- Undertake simple repairs and report other damages.

Support for the Academy

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, 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
- Contribute to overall ethos/work/aims of the Academy
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend relevant meetings and participate as required
- Participate in development and other learning activities and performance development opportunities as required
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after Academy and at lunchtimes, e.g. clubs, extra curriculum activities
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of Academy activities as required.

Person Specification

Experience

- Recent experience of working with and or caring for children of relevant age, in an educational setting.
- General understanding of national curriculum and other basic learning programmes/techniques.
- Basic understanding of child development and learning.
- Ability to relate well to children and adults.
- General awareness of inclusion, especially within a school setting.

Education and Qualification

- GCSE C or above in Maths/numeracy and English/literacy
- Teaching Assistants qualification or equivalent experience
- Training in relevant learning strategies e.g. literacy / numeracy (desirable)
- First aid training or willingness to undertake appropriate training.

Skills and Knowledge

- Ability to provide support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Ability to utilise strategies to support pupils in achieving learning goals (desirable)
- Promote good pupil behaviour, and deal promptly with conflict and incidents
- Ability to undertake pupil record keeping as requested
- Ability to provide support for structured and agreed learning activities/learning programmes, taking into consideration pupils learning styles
- Understanding of how to support Literacy/Numeracy programmes, record achievements and progress and providing appropriate reports and feedback for the teacher (desirable).

Skills and Knowledge Continued

- Awareness of procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection.
- Establish good working relationships with pupils acting as a role model.
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes.
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievements and progress.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- Work as part of a team appreciating and supporting the role of other people in the team.
- Support the change process, remaining positive during times of change.
- Build and maintain successful relationships with pupils.
- Ability to improve your own practice.

This is not exhaustive.

Astrea Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Posts are subject to enhanced DBS checks. For further details on the recruitment process, please review our Recruitment Pack. This can be found attached to each vacancy

About Astrea

Astrea is an ambitious, dynamic and young trust with a mission to tackle historic educational disadvantage and raise quality standards across all of our schools. Our academies are based across South Yorkshire and Cambridgeshire, often in areas or at schools which have experienced generationally poor educational opportunities. Our role is to change that. We have grown rapidly over the last four years and now educate around 14,000 students in 27 academies and settings. Whilst our educational outcomes have improved over the last 4 years, they are not yet as strong as we would like them to be, nor as strong as our students and communities deserve. With this in mind, we are entering a new period in our development. We are increasingly clear and specific about our vision for behaviour, curriculum and teaching quality.

Key Characteristics of our academies:

- High aspirations, with a firm emphasis on academic attainment
- A knowledge-rich curriculum that develops a general knowledge of the world not simply for progression for the workplace, but for the love of the acquisition of knowledge
- A calm and purposeful learning environment built on mutual respect and centralised behaviour systems
- Outstanding pastoral care with the provision of specific trust delivered SEMH services where appropriate to the pupil
- Standardised reading and arithmetic catch-up programmes for pupils where this is relevant that are taught by specialists
- Active parental and community involvement
- A broad range of extra-curricular activities including sports, music, performing arts and academic clubs

Objectives for pupils:

- Encourage all children to be confident, hard-working and ambitious, regardless of background
- Transmit a core body of knowledge to all pupils and the ability to think for themselves in order to be aware of the world around them
- To be active and thoughtful participants in their local community
- To be successful in achieving their qualifications at both GCSE and A Level

A knowledge-rich education:

- By a knowledge-rich education we mean a rigorous and extensive, knowledge-based education that draws its material and methods from the best and most important work in both the humanities and the sciences.
- The aim of a core-knowledge education is not primarily to prepare pupils for a job or career, it is more to transform their minds so that they are able to make reasonable and astute judgments and engage fruitfully in conversation and debate – not just about contemporary issues, but also about the universal questions that have been troubling mankind throughout history.
- We want children to leave our schools with the confidence that comes from possessing an essential general knowledge. A knowledge-rich education should not confine itself to the Western canon, but should embrace other cultures and traditions. What that canon includes will be subject to review, but will always be closely connected to the history and the present nature of the society in which we live, including our international connections.

View the [Astrea 2025 Strategy here](#)

Astrea Academy Trust are delighted to be part of such an important movement, which will ensure we have the guidance to challenge attitudes towards disability, tap into wider talent pools and help all individuals across the Trust fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations. As a Disability confident employer we have pledged to promote a culture that ensures there are no barriers to the development and progression of disabled staff.

Here at Astrea Academy Trust we know that diversity fosters creativity and innovation. We are committed to developing and retaining a workforce that is representative of the diverse communities that we serve. We are committed to equality of opportunity, to being fair and inclusive and building our culture of belonging. We therefore particularly encourage applications from candidates who are likely to be underrepresented in Astrea's workforce. These include people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds, disabled people, LGBTQI+people, and men.

