

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

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|  | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE |
| Experience | * Experience of working with children of primary school age. * Experience of supporting children in a classroom environment including those with special educational needs | * Understanding and knowledge of the EYFS and national curriculum and other related educational systems * Have experience of leading small groups |
| Skills and abilities | * Literate and numerate * Commitment to working as part of a team, including the sharing of successful teaching and learning strategies * Enthusiasm for and enjoyment of working with pupils * An interest in the use of the outdoors to promote children’s learning * Ability to use own initiative and manage own workload |  |
| Training/Qualifications | * A good standard of education particularly in English and mathematics at a grade C or equivalent at GCSE. * A high level of competence and an up to date working knowledge of ICT * Willingness to participate in further training and developmental opportunities offered by the school to further knowledge. | * Level 3 qualification in early years * GCSE or equivalent qualifications * Recent professional development |
| Personal qualities | * A good team player * Adaptable * Professionalism to maintain confidentiality on all school matters * Contribute to our Christian vison and ethos * The ability to support pupils and staff and communicate with parents through fluent and accurately spoken English | * Proactive * Flexible * Sense of humour |

**Person Specification Sept 2021**

Eckington CE First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.