

Job Description

Teaching Assistant L2 (TA2) – Animal Care



Job Category: Educational Support Staff
Grade: 5 (Part-Time 52 weeks)
Reports to: Assistant Headteacher
Line manages: N/A

Purpose of the Role

To work with the schools Animals and young people as directed, providing support across a range of child centred intervention and activities which promote child development, wellbeing care and learning. To take responsibility for supervision care and attendance of the school's animals. Working flexibly across split shifts.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with the planning and preparation of activities, interventions and environments for animals at the school site or on visits.
- Participate in the preparation and maintenance of animal areas
- Monitor children's needs reporting these to a designated person. Keep records as required by the school. Have familiarity with all relevant EHCPs and write/review Risk Reduction Plans and Pupil Risk Assessments specific to the child and their work with animals
- Promote development and learning (physical, emotional, educational and social). Foster growth, self-esteem and independence, observe and record development of pupils' intervention and interaction with animals
- Carry out reasonable daily personal care/hygiene duties and administer basic first aid in relation to children and animals
- Plan, monitor and supervise children during Animal based intervention and learning
- Be responsible for Animal based learning areas, including planning and preparation of activities and meeting appropriate deadlines.
- Assist with planning for school visits.
- Support the SENDCo in relation to pupils' progress in animal-based intervention
- Be responsible for specialist equipment and resources in relation to animal care provision, in particular, housing feed and paddock
- Plan and deliver intervention programmes as advised by professionals in school Animals
- Monitor progress and keep up to date records in line with school expectations, particularly Behaviour and Safeguarding
- Liaise with professionals and school staff to implement animal-based programmes.
- Attend relevant training and share knowledge with staff as required.
- Monitor use of equipment and report to relevant staff and professionals
- Act in accordance with School policies and procedures and relevant legislation, particularly in relation to child protection and behaviour management.

General

- The postholder will have a combination of flexible and directed hours across a full working year (not term-time only)
- Postholder is expected to fully engage with the Trusts performance management process.
- To demonstrate the core values of the school and Trust at all times.
- To attend staff meetings and Trust-based INSET as required.
- The postholder is required to carry out the duties in accordance with our Health & Safety policies and procedures
- To maintain at all times the utmost confidentiality with regard to all reports, records, personal data relating to staff and pupils and other information of a sensitive or confidential nature acquired in the course of undertaking duties for the Trust, with due regard to General Data Protection Regulations.
- The duties and responsibilities in this job description are not exhaustive. The postholder may be required to undertake other duties that may be required from time to time within the general scope of the post. Any such duties should not substantially change the general character of the post. Duties and responsibilities outside of the general scope of this grade of post will be with the consent of the postholder.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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