



## **ADVERTISEMENT**

### **Teaching Assistant**

#### **Grade 2/3 depending on qualifications**

Are you passionate about supporting young people with complex needs to thrive and achieve their potential? Do you value relationships, inclusivity, and values-driven practice in education? Newark Orchard School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our team full-time.

#### **About Us**

Newark Orchard School is a thriving special school committed to providing outstanding education for children and young people aged 3-19 with a range of complex needs, including severe learning disabilities (SLD), profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD), and autism spectrum disorders (ASD). We take a trauma-informed, relational approach to education, ensuring that every student feels safe, valued, and empowered to succeed.

Our school is not just a place of learning; it is a vibrant community built on trust, collaboration, and a shared vision of excellence. Our core values of compassion, inclusion, and high expectations underpin everything we do, creating an environment where everyone can flourish.

#### **The Role**

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant who:

- Enjoys working as part of a team to support students with their individual learning and development needs.
- Holds a Teaching Assistant qualification of Level 2 or above.
- Has experience or a strong interest in working with children and young people with SEND.
- Is committed to trauma-informed practice, understanding how experiences shape behaviour and learning.
- Can build positive relationships with students, helping them feel confident and supported in their learning journey.
- Aligns with our school values and contributes to creating a nurturing, inclusive school culture.



### **What We Offer**

- A welcoming and supportive team of staff dedicated to making a difference.
- Training opportunities in trauma-informed practice and SEND best practices.
- A well-resourced school with facilities to support a variety of learning needs.
- The chance to work in a values-driven environment that recognises and nurtures your contributions.

### **Who You Are**

- A qualified Level 2 or Level 3 Teaching Assistant
- Has passion for supporting students with SEND, helping them achieve their full potential.
- Demonstrates patience, empathy, and resilience in working with young people.
- Is reflective and eager to learn, adapting practices to meet the unique needs of each student.
- Brings creativity and enthusiasm to engage students in meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences.
- Values collaboration with colleagues, students, and families to create the best outcomes for learners.

### **How to Apply**

Newark Orchard School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, it expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will require the successful applicant to undertake an enhanced criminal record check via the Disclosure & Barring Service.

A school tour is strongly encouraged and we have availability on Tuesday 7 January or Thursday 9 January 2025 at 9.00am. To arrange, please contact reception either by telephone or email [reception@newarkorchard.notts.sch.uk](mailto:reception@newarkorchard.notts.sch.uk)

Application forms can be downloaded [here](#) and the closing date for applications is Friday 10 January 2025 at 10.00am. Interviews will take place on Friday 17 January 2025.

### **Join Us**

At Newark Orchard School, we believe in unlocking potential and celebrating individuality. If you share our passion for inclusive education and values-driven practice, we would love to hear from you.