

Teaching Assistant

Job purpose including main duties and responsibilities

Main objectives of the post

A Teaching Assistant is responsible for ensuring that learning and teaching is highly effective and that all identified focus groups of pupils achieve their maximum potential by:

- Being a good or outstanding classroom TA practitioner
- Continuous improvement of teaching and learning under the supervision of the Class teacher and Lead Teaching assistant.
- Maintaining and raising standards under the supervision of the Class teacher and Lead Teaching Assistant
- Tracking performance of specified groups of pupils
- Leading by example to motivate and work with others

Key Accountabilities

1. Work in partnership with the class teacher and Lead TA on identified priorities.
2. Support a clear and soundly based educational vision, ethos and direction that promote and support pupil's learning and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
3. Work with targeted children to ensure they make good to outstanding progress.
4. Meet as arranged and / or as necessary with the class teacher, members of SLT and Lead TA
5. To undertake relevant training and professional development in line with the school development plan.

Teaching and learning

1. As directed by class teacher, inclusion teams or Lead TA, to be responsible for assessing and evaluating the work of each child within identified groups and keeping appropriate records.
2. To ensure that a high standard of physical and emotional care for all children is maintained.
3. Assist class teacher and Lead TA in driving a continuous and consistent partnership-wide focus on pupils' achievement, using data and benchmarks to monitor progress.
4. Maintain creative, responsive and effective approaches to learning and teaching.
5. Promote a culture and ethos of challenge and support where all pupils can achieve success and become engaged in their own learning

6. Work productively alongside school inclusion teams when required.
7. Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
8. Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school.
9. Under the guidance of the class teacher, assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning.
10. Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
11. Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classrooms.
12. Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
13. Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities.
14. Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
15. Following Pioneer policy, provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement.

Working within the organisation

1. Ensure all pupils are motivated to learn
2. Help to create an inspiring, safe and professional work environment consistent with the school's values and mantra.
3. Have a clear understanding and follow safeguarding procedures appropriately.
4. Support effective relationships and communications which underpin a professional learning community that enables everyone in the school to achieve.
5. Use and integrate a range of technologies effectively to assist learning.
6. To undertake any duties reasonably delegated by Head teacher or Lead TA.
7. To undertake relevant training and professional development in line with the school development plan.
8. To undertake Midday Supervisor responsibilities to ensure adequate supervision at lunchtimes. This may be on a rota basis with other TA's.

Securing accountability

1. Promote and protect the health and safety of all pupils and staff within the school, including the administering of first aid.
2. Assist students with personal care and hygiene including using the toilet, changing, washing and administering medication if required.
3. Contribute to the creation and review of care plans, ensuring all appropriate records are maintained.
4. Promote safeguarding and the welfare of all pupils within the school.
5. To follow the Academy's Behaviour Policy as agreed by staff and governors to ensure good conduct and behaviour of all the children in school.

Strengthening community

1. Support a clear and rigorous expectation to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
2. Promote positive strategies for challenging racial and other prejudice.
3. Support a range of community-based learning experiences.
4. Support the Head teacher in building a school culture that takes account of and embraces the richness and diversity within each school's community.
5. Work with the school community to support policies and practice, which promote inclusion, equality and the extended services that the school offers.

Accountability in each school and the partnership

1. Support the development of an organisation in which all staff recognise that they are accountable for the success of the school.

Person Specification

Qualifications & Education	E/D	Stage
5 GCSEs or equivalent at grade C or above (to include English and Mathematics)	D	AF, C
2 A levels or equivalent	D	AF,C
Degree in a relevant subject	D	AF, C
Evidence of continuous professional development	E	AF, I
First Aid Qualification	D	AF, C
Qualification at least L3 NVQ in education related studies	D	AF, C

Experience, Knowledge and Skills	E/D	Stage
Has worked with young people	E	AF, I, R
Has worked in a school setting	D	AF, I
Can use effective, non-confrontational strategies to manage behaviour	E	AF, I
Has knowledge of child learning styles and behaviours	E	AF, I
Is able to support children at all level of abilities, including SEN	E	AF, I
A good understanding of the Primary Curriculum	D	AF, I
Is able to contribute to the planning of, deliver and evaluate support in class and in intervention programmes	E	AF, I,R
Demonstrable success in raising standards and meeting challenging targets	E	AF, I, R
Is able to use data systems to monitor and track pupil progress and identify areas of focus	D	AF, I
Has an understanding of safeguarding in education	E	AF, I
Has experience of working in collaboration and partnership with others	D	AF, I,R

Personal Attributes	E/D	Stage
Resilient, flexible and open to change	E	AF, I,R
An ability to stay calm under pressure	E	AF, I
An ability to think strategically and creatively	E	AF, I
Professional, honest and loyal	E	AF, I,R
Excellent communication skills (written, oral and presentation)	E	AF, I
Ability to contribute and work as part of a team	E	AF, I,R
A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children	E	AF, I
A commitment to equality and inclusion	E	AF, I
Open to training to improve professional practice	E	AF, I

Special Requirements	E/D	Stage
Be able and willing to work outside normal hours, if required, in order to meet the demands of the role	E	AF, I
Suitability to work with children	E	D

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E/D Essential or Desirable
AF Application Form
C Certificate
I Interview
R Reference
D Disclosure