



Person Specification Teaching Assistant – DSAT Grade 3

	Personal Skills Characteristics	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment	Shortlisting Criteria (Tick Below)
1.	Experience Working with or caring for children of a relevant age to those in the School.	√		AF/I	√
	Basic understanding of a child's development and learning.	✓		AF/I	✓
	Understanding of the relevant policies/codes of practice/and awareness of relevant legalisation (define) in the context of your role.		✓	AF/I	
	Awareness and understanding of SEND Code of Practice		√	AF/I	
	General understanding of national/foundation stage curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies.		✓	AF/I	√
	programmes/strategies.		✓	AF/I	
	Experience of phonics in EYFS / KS1	✓		AF/I	✓
	Knowledge of early reading	✓	✓	AF/I	
	Experience of working in a school setting in a classroom environment		✓	AF/I	
	Experience of delivering SEN interventions and learning support		✓	AF/I	
	Experience of the assessment cycle and monitoring progress				
2.	Qualifications and Training				
	NVQ2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience. NVQ Level 3 desirable	~		I/CQ/R	✓
	Good numeracy/literacy skills equivalent to L2 Literacy and Numeracy or GSCE English and Maths Grade C+ or equivalent	✓		AF/I/CQ/R	✓
	Willingness to undertake training in relevant learning strategies.	✓		AF/I	
	First Aid at Work Certificate.		✓	CQ	
3.	Special Skills and Knowledge				
	To build effective working relationships with pupils and colleagues and able to work as part of a team	✓		I	
	Effective use of IT to support learning	✓		AF/I	
	To work constructively as part of a team.	✓	✓	I	





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	Understanding classroom roles and		√	I	
	responsibilities and your own position within these.	✓		AF/I	
	To promote positive ethos and be a good role model.	✓		AF/I	
	To liaise sensitively and effectively with parents and carers, recognise your role in pupils holistic development	✓		AF/I	
	Understanding of inclusion and how it applies in a school setting.	√		AF/I	
	To constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self evaluation and learning from others.	·			
4.	Personal Qualities				
	An understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities issues both within the workplace and the community in general.	√		I	
	Conscientious, honest and reliable.	✓		I/R	
	A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	✓		I/R	
	To understand that confidentiality is an essential requirement of working in a school	✓		AF/I	
5.	Personal Circumstances				
	To work flexibly as the workload demands.	✓		I/R	
	A criminal records check at enhanced level.	✓		DBS	
	Occasional out of hours working to support the school.	✓		I/R	
6.	Physical Requirements				
	No serious health problem which is likely to impact upon job performance; (that is, one that cannot be accommodated by reasonable adjustments);	√		I/R	
	Good sickness/attendance record in current/previous employment, college or school as appropriate, (not including absences resulting from disability)	✓		I/R	

Key: AF - Application Form I - Interview R - References CQ - Certificate of Qualification DBS - Disclosure Barring Service

There will be an expectation that you will bring along certificates as proof of your qualifications to the interview

We undertake to make any 'reasonable adjustments' to a job or workplace to counteract any disadvantages a disabled person may have.

In the event of a large number of applicants meeting the essential criteria, desirable criteria or occupational testing may be used as a further short-listing tool.

Disabled applicants who meet the essential short-listing criteria will be guaranteed an interview.