

JOB DESCRIPTION

TEACHING ASSISTANT (EARLY YEARS WITH SEN SPECIALISM): The purpose of the job is to

- Support the teacher in the delivery of the Early Years Curriculum to children in the Nursery and Year R

Duties and responsibilities

- Support individuals and groups to help them learn
- Establish an effective and purposeful learning environment in partnership with teachers and other colleagues
- Support teachers in assessing the needs of individual children
- Motivate and support children
- Assist in developing the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social skills of children
- Use initiative and liaise with teachers and other TAs to support children's learning
- Prepare activities, ensuring that appropriate materials and equipment are available, and assist in clearing away afterwards
- Clarify and explain instructions to children
- Ensure children can use the equipment and materials provided and assist them with key areas, e.g. language, reading, spelling, handwriting, presentation
- Help children to concentrate on, and finish, work set
- Meet the physical needs of children as required, while promoting independence
- Liaise with the class teacher and Inclusion Lead about individual provision plans, MSPs and EHCPs
- As specified by the class teacher, develop appropriate resources to support children
- Develop strategies to support the learning of all children and develop an understanding of the specific needs of individual children with additional needs

Supporting children's self-esteem, inclusion, and behavioural development

- Encourage an acceptance and inclusion of all children
- Supervise and provide support for children, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Develop methods of promoting and reinforcing the children's self-esteem and independence
- Promote good behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage children to take responsibility for their own behaviour
- Establish a supportive relationship with children
- Reinforce the school ethos, e.g., expectations of behaviour within class and elsewhere on the school site
- Supervise children on outings and school activities
- Meeting children's pastoral needs for praise, comfort, encouragement, reassurance, and care
- Provide individual supervision in and out of the classroom for children with challenging behaviours
- Establish a supportive relationship with children

Provide physical / personal care to pupils where required

- Take responsibility for the welfare and hygiene of children, including changing and cleaning as necessary
- Undertake physiotherapy and speech therapy exercises following instruction and advice from a qualified therapist, as required

Supporting the teacher

- In conjunction with the class teacher (and other professionals as appropriate), develop system/s of recording pupil progress and contribute to the maintenance of this record
- Provide regular feedback about children to the teacher(s)
- Ensure effective communication / consultation as appropriate with children's parents and carers
- Ensure cover supervision is in place where required by:
 - Managing children's behaviour
 - Responding to children's questions
 - Dealing with any emergencies
 - Collecting completed learning

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- Providing marking & feedback to children following the agreed whole school approach

Supporting the curriculum

- Support the delivery of the curriculum along with other aspects of the enhanced curriculum offered by the school
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, Read Write Inc, numeracy, EYFS and feedback on progress to the teacher
- Monitor children's responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement / progress as directed

Supporting the school

- Assist with setting up, storing, retrieving and general maintenance of classroom equipment and teaching aids, e.g., computers and computer software, resources, indoor and outdoor play equipment, photographic equipment etc
- Help to ensure the hygiene of the teaching environment in cases of sickness or soiling
- Ensure health and safety policies and practices including risk assessments are implemented as necessary
- Be fully aware of school policies, procedures, and practices
- Promote teamwork and ensure effective working relations

Professional Development

- Attend mandatory Trust induction training on Safeguarding and Health and Safety within the first few weeks of taking up the post (these sessions may be delivered outside standard school hours)
- Complete regular (at least annual) training on subjects including safeguarding
- Take a proactive role in the Trust's appraisal procedures
- Take part in further training and development to continually improve
- Keep abreast of initiatives and developments in education, especially those relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the post

Communication

- Communicate effectively with children
- Make and maintain strong relations with parents and carers

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of all children
- Maintain a safe learning environment by managing behaviour effectively in accordance with the Trust's behaviour policy
- Maintain current and accurate safeguarding records e.g., through CPOMS

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies, and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality

The post holder will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

This job description is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the post holder will carry out. The post holder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role.