



Elms Bank
School & College



Temporary Teaching Assistant Level 1

Candidate Pack



Part of the

Oak 
Learning Partnership

Teaching Assistant Level 1

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Welcome to Elms Bank! Thank you for your interest in joining our amazing staff team and for taking the time to read about our wonderful school.

Elms Bank is an extraordinary place. Visitors comment on our welcoming atmosphere, happy and successful pupils and our supportive and warm staff team. Our vision is "Excellence for All", and we truly mean that; we are equally committed to both the outcomes of our learners and the professional development and wellbeing of our staff. We are very proud to have continuously maintained an Outstanding Ofsted judgement and were delighted with our latest inspection report in September 2023, which you can read on our website.

Elms Bank is a school with a real sense of community. Our students all have EHCPs and their needs vary hugely. They join one of our five, highly personalised Pathways when they come to us and receive a bespoke education that meets their needs and helps them to achieve their potential. We are incredibly proud of them and celebrate their achievements and successes widely. We use innovative and aspirational strategies to increase their resilience and confidence, to ensure their lives are enriched both now and into adulthood.

We believe that at the heart of a student's success is exceptional teaching, learning and pastoral care. We pride ourselves on our overwhelming sense of family and community, where every staff member leads with integrity and compassion to achieve 'Excellence for All'. Our students are happy and safe and love coming to school.



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Welcome from the Headteacher

Are you passionate about supporting young people with special educational needs to reach their potential and be the best they can be? Do you want to work in a supportive and positive environment, with colleagues who are committed to ensuring the best outcomes for the children they work with? If so, we want to hear from you.

Elms Bank is a special school for pupils aged 11-19 with a range of special educational needs. Our vision is "excellence for all" and we are determined to support our amazing students to become the best adults they can be.

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant Level 1 based at our Elms Bank College Hub on a fixed term basis. You will join a dedicated team in a specialist environment tailor-made to suit the needs of our pupils. You will support the class teacher and deliver interventions to help our students make the best progress they can, accessing a curriculum which meets their needs. If you are creative, resilient and looking for your next opportunity, we would love you to apply to work with us. In return, we offer you clear career pathways, excellent opportunities for professional development both in the school and the wider Trust and commitment to promoting your wellbeing at work. We fully recognise that our staff are our greatest asset, and we work hard to support them.

We are delighted to be part of a family of schools within the Oak Learning Partnership. Oak Learning Partnership is passionate about inclusion and improving the life chances of all children within the Trust. As a school in the Trust, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming school with a strong emphasis on pastoral care, alongside a rigorous academic education tailored to the needs of the individual.

If you would like to know more, we would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Visits prior to application are both welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the school on **0161 766 1597** or by e-mailing **enquiries@elmsbank.oaklp.co.uk** to arrange an appointment.

We ask that you do not send CV's, please complete and send your application form and a personal statement to hr@oaklp.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your application. Please visit our school website for further information. **www.elmsbank.co.uk**


Gemma Parkes

Headteacher at Elms Bank School and College



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A close-up, over-the-shoulder shot of a young person with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform, focused on drawing in a spiral-bound notebook. They are using a grey 'SPECTRUM FINE LINER' marker to draw a map. The map features a blue wavy line representing a coastline, with the words 'THE SEA' written in large, stylized blue letters. Arrows point from the land towards the sea, with handwritten notes: 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach', 'Looking at sea from the beach'. A yellow area is painted at the bottom of the page. A white ruler with 'SHATTER RESISTANT' printed on it lies across the bottom of the drawing. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden desk and a red object.

"The school and the trust have ensured that pupils' and staff's well-being lie at the heart of all they do".

Ofsted Report,
September 2023.

Inclusion is at the
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Introduction to Our Trust

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in this post at Elms Bank School, part of Oak Learning Partnership.

Our trust is cross phase and consists of primary, special, and secondary schools. We have a vision to transform lives through a highly inclusive approach. 'Inclusion is at the heart of our trust'. Which means we are compassionately rigorous and support all of pupils to reach their full potential, we have unconditional positive regard, leave no one behind and everyone is welcome.

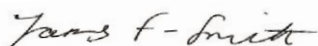
Our schools work closely with one another; they collaborate with purpose, support each other and share collective systems across both educational and business provisions. But it's also important to us that each school has their own identity and individuality. We make sure we focus on impact and ensure clarity and consistency from our leaders, always making sure common sense is at the heart of our decision making.

Our people matter; we understand that we can only achieve our vision by recruiting the right people and providing them with the support, training and time they need in order to allow them to flourish and be the best they can be. Whatever role an individual undertakes within our organisation, they are contributing to our collective aim of transforming lives. We invest heavily in our people ensuring they feel valued, and their well-being is always considered. We understand that if staff feel valued and if the impact they are having is recognised, they can perform at their best.

We are laying strong foundations for growing the Trust and have a clear vision, this role is a key part of our growth strategy and could be an excellent opportunity for the right candidate ready for their next step. We are a values driven organisation, are highly ambitious, passionate about doing things with integrity and have a healthy sense of humour.

If you want to make a difference to young people and join a trust at an exciting part of its journey, we would love to hear from you.

For further information about the trust please visit our website:
www.oaklp.co.uk



James Franklin-Smith
CEO of Oak Learning Partnership

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"Pupils enjoy an abundance of rich and exciting opportunities at the school. The school includes and values every pupil. There is a 'can-do' culture where staff ensure that pupils, no matter what their special educational needs and/or disabilities are, take a full and active part in school life."

Ofsted Report,
September 2023

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Salary: Grade 6, SCP 6, £25,183 actual salary £19,417 per annum

Hours: 32.5 hours per week, term time only plus 5 days

Job Description

Normal place of work: Elms Bank School, although you may be asked to contribute towards trust wide projects.

Normal working hours: Monday 8.45am – 4.45pm, Tuesday to Friday 8.45am – 3.30pm. 32.5 hours per week, term time only plus 5 days to be worked during school closures.

Please note that this is a fixed term position until July 2026.

Responsible to: Class Teacher

PURPOSE OF THE POST

- To work under the direct instruction of teaching/senior staff, usually in the classroom with the teacher.
- To support access to learning for pupils and provide general support to the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Support for the Pupil

- Supervise and support pupils ensuring their safety and supporting their access to learning.
- Establish good working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual needs.
- Promote inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Encourage pupils to be as independent as possible.
- Attend to the pupils' personal needs.
- Implement pupil specific programmes, to support emotional and physical health and welfare needs.
- Follow behaviour management and positive handling programme.

Support for the Teacher

- Provide clerical/administration support (e.g., photocopying, typing filing, collecting money etc.).
- Assist with the display of children's work.
- Prepare the classroom as directed for lessons and clear afterwards.
- Be aware of pupil wellbeing, progress, achievements and inform the teacher.
- Undertake pupil record keeping as requested.
- Support the teacher in managing pupil behaviour, reporting difficulties as appropriate.
- Gather/report basic information from/to parents/carers as directed.

Support for the Curriculum

- Support pupils to understand the learning intention and success criteria.
- Support pupils in respect of local and national learning strategies e.g., literacy, numeracy, early years as directed by the teacher.
- Prepare and maintain equipment and resources as directed and assist pupils in their use.
- Provide specific feedback to the teacher to support in assessing pupil understanding.

Support for the School

- Be aware of and comply with school policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection. Report all concerns to the appropriate person (as named in the policy concerned).
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall visions, values and aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals to best meet the needs of the pupils.
- Attend relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other professional development opportunities.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of directed lesson time, including before and after school if appropriate.
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required.
- Attend Awards' Evening and Parents' Evenings as directed with appropriate adjustments in hours.
- Use Team Teach de-escalation strategies in a highly effective manner.
- Use Team Teach positive handling appropriately in line with training.

Please note that the job description provided is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties associated with this position.

Teaching Assistant Level 1 Person Specification

CRITERIA		Experience, Qualifications and Training: On their application form, candidates will demonstrate that they have the following training, qualifications and school experience:	
ESSENTIAL		DESIRABLE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCSE 3-1 (D-G) in English and Maths or Level 1 in Key Skills in English and Maths.Willingness to participate in relevant training and development opportunities.Willingness to complete Team Teach Behaviour Management and Physical Intervention course, and other courses/training as required.Good ICT skills.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">GCSE 9-4 (A*-C) English, Maths or ICT or Level 2 Key Skills in English, Maths or ICT.NVQ Level 2 in Supporting Teaching and Learning and/or 'A' Level in English, and Maths.SEND experience.Experience of working in a school environment.	
CRITERIA		Ability, Skills and Knowledge: In their statement of suitability and during the selection process, candidates will demonstrate that they have the following ability, skills and knowledge:	
ESSENTIAL			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability to work effectively within a team environment, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities.Ability to build effective working relationships with all pupils and colleagues.Ability to promote a positive ethos and role model positive attributes.Good personal numeracy and literacy skills.Ability to work with children at all levels regardless of specific individual need and identify learning styles as appropriate.Working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation.Understanding of inclusion, especially within a school setting.Ability to prepare resources to support learning programmes.Ability to use basic technology – photocopier, computers, tablets, internet, email.Pupil Care – Listen and respond to pupil need, seek out innovative ways of consulting pupils and engaging partners. Network with others to develop support for the benefit of the pupils and their families.Valuing Diversity - Listen, support and monitor the diverse contributions made to school development without prejudice. Challenge behaviours and processes which do not positively advance the diversity agenda whilst being prepared to accept feedback about own behaviour. Recognise people's strengths, aspirations and abilities and help to develop their potential. Understand how valuing diversity can improve our ability to deliver better provision and reduce disadvantage.Developing Self and Others - Ability to question and request the right training and development that links to the post, to seek opportunities that add to skills and knowledge, to respond positively to opportunities that arise and to support others' learning and share learning with others.			

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Personal style and behaviour: In their statement of suitability and during the selection process, candidates will explain how they have they demonstrate their personal style and behaviour:

ESSENTIAL

- High expectations of all pupils; respect for their social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic background and a commitment to raising their educational achievements.
- Ability to build and maintain successful relationships with pupils, treat them consistently, with respect and consideration and demonstrate concern for their development as learners.
- Demonstrate and promote the positive values, attitudes and behaviour they expect from the pupils with whom they work.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and carry out role effectively, knowing when to seek help and advice.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents and carers.
- Able to improve their own practice through observations, evaluations and discussion with colleagues.
- Ability to follow instruction / training.

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Resilience

A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting on bright green chairs and peeking out from behind light-colored wooden panels. The panels are decorated with large, colorful paper stars in yellow, pink, green, and blue. The background is a dark blue wall also adorned with several red and yellow stars. The boy on the left is wearing a black hoodie, and the girl on the right is wearing a black jacket over a white shirt and glasses. A blue jacket is draped over the back of the boy's chair.

“The school makes sure it considers the workload and well-being of staff when it makes decisions or introduces change. Staff feel valued and well supported to carry out their roles effectively.

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