

## Post Title: **TEACHER SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

### Statement of Purpose

To work under the direct instruction of teaching staff, usually in the classroom with the teacher. Provide general support to the teacher in the care of students and management of the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area. Assist teachers in the following:

### Support to Teacher

- Provide structured support in accordance with specific work programmes designed and supervised by individual teachers.
- Support the teacher in the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans.
- Assist in maintaining classroom discipline through the implementation of the school's behaviour management strategies.
- Provide support to students to achieve learning goals, e.g. guided reading.
- Assist the teacher with the planning of learning activities.
- Assist the teacher in monitoring students' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed.
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on students' achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Undertake appropriate basic admin tasks.

### Support to Students

- Accompany teaching staff and students on visits, trips and out of school activities as required.<sup>1</sup>
- Encourage students to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Assist children in matters of personal needs and their general health including first aid and welfare matters.
- Arrange medical/dental visits as appropriate.
- Provide general support to students ensuring their safety, by complying with good H&S practice.

### Support to Curriculum

- Assist the teacher in the preparation and development of agreed curriculum activities/materials.
- To provide support in literacy/numeracy/SEN strategies
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop students' competence and independence in its use.

### Support to School (this list is not exhaustive and should reflect the ethos of the school)

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons you are responsible for or come into contact with.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Ensure all students have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Liaise effectively with teachers/parents/guardians, welfare officers, health visitors and other professional staff as part of the routine consultative process.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Attend relevant meetings as required.<sup>2</sup>
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required (see footnote 1).
- Assist with the supervision of students out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes.

<sup>1</sup> Every effort should be made to ensure support is within contractual hours

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**Notes**

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task taken may not be identified. Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

**Note 1: The content of this job description will be reviewed with the post holder on an annual basis in line with the School's performance and development review policy. Any significant change in level of accountability that could result in a change to the grade must be discussed with the post holder and the relevant trade union before submitting for re-evaluation.**

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Criteria	Measured By
<b>Experience</b> Supporting children's learning in a school.	AF/I
<b>Qualifications/Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good numeracy/literacy skills.</li> <li>• Completion of DCSF Teacher Assistant Induction Programme.</li> <li>• NVQ 2 for Teaching Assistants (or demonstrate equivalent knowledge skills and experience).</li> <li>• First aid training as appropriate (e.g. emergency first aid course).</li> </ul>	T AF/I
<b>Knowledge/Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of relevant policies/codes of practice.</li> <li>• Good understanding of areas of learning, e.g. literacy, numeracy, science, SEN or Early Years.</li> <li>• Use of other equipment technology – video, photocopier.</li> <li>• Well-developed interpersonal skills to be able to relate well to a wide range of people.</li> <li>• Work constructively as part of a team whilst being able to demonstrate initiative.</li> <li>• Good communication skills.</li> <li>• Effective use of ICT to support learning.</li> <li>• Willing to work towards NVQ Level 3 or recognised equivalent.</li> </ul>	AF/I /A
<b>Behavioural Attributes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer focused.</li> <li>• Has a friendly yet professional and respectful approach which demonstrates support and shows mutual respect.</li> <li>• Open, honest and an active listener.</li> <li>• Takes responsibility and accountability.</li> <li>• Committed to the needs of the students, parents and other stakeholders and challenge barriers and blocks to providing an effective service.</li> <li>• Demonstrates a “can do” attitude including suggesting solutions, participating, trusting and encouraging others and achieving expectations.</li> <li>• Is committed to the provision and improvement of quality service provision.</li> <li>• Is adaptable to change/embraces and welcomes change.</li> <li>• Acts with pace and urgency being energetic, enthusiastic and decisive.</li> <li>• Communicates effectively.</li> <li>• Has the ability to learn from experiences and challenges.</li> <li>• Is committed to the continuous development of self and others by keeping up to date and sharing knowledge, encouraging new ideas, seeking new opportunities and challenges, open to ideas and developing new skills.</li> </ul>	AF/I
AF = Application Form      A = Assessment      I = Interview      T = Test	

**Note 1:**

*In addition to the ability to perform the duties of the post, issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children will need to be demonstrated these will include:*

- *Motivation to work with children and young people.*
- *Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.*
- *Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and*
- *Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.*

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