



We are His body, living and learning as one.

JOB TITLE	Teaching Assistant Level 4 – Teaching and Learning
SALARY	Grade 5 (scp 13 – 19)
HOURS	Full-time; term-time only, 39 weeks per year
RESPONSIBLE TO	The Headteacher

The post holder will report to the Teacher. Apart from other colleagues in the school, the main contacts of the job are the Headteacher, teaching staff, other support staff and students.

Main Purpose of the Post:

- To complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities. This may involve planning, preparing and delivering learning programmes and support to individual pupils, small groups and on a short term basis to whole classes.
- Responsibility for the management and development of a specialist area in school or across a department, and or leading and deploying teaching assistants in addressing the needs of pupils who require help to overcome barriers to learning
- Work in collaboration with teaching colleagues to co-ordinate and plan schemes of work to be used by teaching assistants undertaking specified teaching work
- Contribute to Senior Management Team or Departmental Management Team
- Line management, supervision of support staff, including implementation of performance management procedures

Main Duties:

Support for pupils

- To work with groups of children under the supervision of the teacher including the delivery of programmes of work and implementation of ILPs
- Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills/training/experience to support pupils learning
- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, taking on role model by presenting a positive personal image and setting high expectations
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities

- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognize and reward achievement of self-reliance
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement
- Support pupils whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
- Attend to pupils' personal needs, including minor first aid and provide advice to assist their social, health and hygiene development.

Support for teachers

- Organise and manage appropriate learning environment and resources
- Within an agreed scheme, of supervision, contribute to the whole planning cycle, including preparing challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate
- Give regular feedback on children's progress to the class teacher and file records
- Be responsible for keeping and updating records, information and data, producing analysis and reports as required
- Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, to the teacher on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
- Record progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of a range and level of progress and attainment
- Undertake marking of pupil's work and accurately record achievement/progress
- Administer and assess routine tests and invigilate exams
- Monitor and manage stock within an agreed budget, cataloguing resources and undertaking audits as required
- Provide specialist advice and guidance (e.g. Science/PE) as required
- Liaise with parents/carers, schools and establish constructive relationships and communicate with other relevant bodies to support achievement and progress of pupils
- Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress and achievement
- Take the lead role in the development and implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies promoting self control and independence
- Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through observation and planned recording of achievement against predetermined learning objectives.

Support for the curriculum

- Implement agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs, including assessment
- Contribute to the development of lesson/work plans
- Deliver programmes including those linked to local and national learning strategies and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills

- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Select and prepare resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests, language and cultural backgrounds
- Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment

Support for the School

- Ensure strategic processes are complied with in order to overcome barriers to learning, including e.g. behaviour management strategies
- Comply with and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection procedures, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting any concerns to the relevant member of staff.
- Accompany teachers and pupils on educational visits
- Assist in maintaining high standards of health and safety at all times.
- Maintain good relationships with colleagues and work together as a team.
- Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school
- Contribute to the identification and implementation of appropriate learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Establish relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupil progress and achievement
- Take the initiative as appropriate to develop multi agency approaches to supporting pupils

Line Management Responsibilities

- Manage the Teaching Assistant staff within the school or department under the direction of the Headteacher
- Liaise between managers, teaching staff and teaching assistants
- Hold regular team meetings with managed staff
- Represent teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings
- Undertake recruitment/induction/performance management/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants
- Provide appropriate guidance and supervision and assist in the training and development of staff as appropriate

General

- To undertake all duties with full regard to the Health and Safety at Work Act
- To attend training and administer basic first aid as and when required

- To maintain confidentiality relating to the staff and students of the school at all times
- To be flexible and motivated and able to follow instructions and remain calm in difficult circumstances
- To contribute to the overall ethos, work and aims of the school and Trust
- To participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- To be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health and safety, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person as soon as they arise
- To be aware of and support difference and to ensure equal opportunities for all
- To safeguard and promote the welfare of students

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. The post holders may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the Trust as may be reasonably expected, which are commensurate with the grade of this post

All duties and responsibilities must be carried out with due regard to the Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust's existing policies, such as child protection, health and safety, equality and data protection

All elements of Specified Teaching Work undertaken by the postholder will be within the framework of the school's Scheme of Supervision in line with the 2003 Regulations and (amended Regulations 2007. In addition to HLTAs, the Regulations cover other groups of support staff who undertake 'specified work' at different levels. Specified work may cover a range of activities at different levels – including for some staff, work with whole classes. Headteachers will ensure that the support staff member has the skills, experience and expertise required to carry out 'specified work'. Where more demanding aspects of 'specified work' are carried out by support staff, and particularly where they are working with whole classes, it is strongly recommended that the headteacher should have regard to the standards for HLTAs in determining whether those staff have the necessary level of skills and expertise.

A teaching assistant Level 4 may be called upon to provide cover for whole classes e.g. to cover short term teacher absence. During the cover periods, there will be a requirement for the teaching assistant to carry out specified work such as planning, preparation, assessment and reporting.

The Teaching Assistant must carry out his or her duties with full regard and commitment to the Governing Body and City Council Policies.

Where the post holder is disabled, every effort will be made to supply all necessary aids, adaptations or equipment to allow them to carry out all the duties of the job. If, however, a certain task proves unachievable, job redesign will be fully considered

Person Specification

Teaching Assistant Level 4 – Teaching and Learning

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL OR DESIRABLE	HOW / WHEN MEASURED *A/I/R/SP
Experience		
At least 24 months' experience of working as a Teaching Assistant Level 3 in KS2	E	A/I/R
Experience of working with students with additional needs.	D	A/I/R
Experience of working across all primary school key stages	D	A/I/R
Experience of working across more than one primary school key stage	E	A/I/R
Qualifications		
Level 3 Award or Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	E	A/I/R
Level 4 Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistant	D	A/I/R
Willingness to work towards achieving Level 4 Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistants	E	A/I/R
Willingness to participate in training, performance management and self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities.	E	A/I/R
Training in the relevant learning strategies and /or in a particular curriculum or learning area, e.g. bilingual.	E	A/I/R
Knowledge/Skills/Abilities		
To act with the utmost integrity	E	A/I/R
Ability to relate well to children and adults.	E	A/I/R
Ability to work as part of a team.	E	A/I/R
An understanding of the role of the Teaching Assistant and other professionals working in the classroom.	E	A/I/R
Ability to use relevant technology e.g. photocopier	E	A/I/R
Effective use of ICT to support learning.	E	A/I/R
Full working knowledge and understanding of national/foundation stage curriculum and other basic learning programmes / strategic processes and barriers to learning.	E	A/I/R
Ability to organize, motivate and lead a team	E	A/I/R
Understanding the principles of child development and learning processes	E	A/I/R
Knowledge of strategic processes and barriers to learning, including e.g behaviour management strategies.	E	A/I/R
Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities.	E	A/I/R
Willingness to undertake first aid training and administer first aid as appropriate.	E	A/I/R

Personal styles/Behaviour

Tact and diplomacy in all interpersonal relationships with the public, students and colleagues at work.	E	A/I/R
Self-motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the required timescales and quality standards.	E	A/I/R
The flexibility to adapt to changing workload demands and new school challenges.	E	A/I/R A/I/R
Personal commitment to ensure support is equally accessible and appropriate to the diverse needs of the pupils.	E	
Personal commitment to continuous self-development.	E	A/I/R
Personal commitment to continuous school improvement.	E	A/I/R
Personal commitment to the school's professional standards.	E	A/I/R
Demonstrate awareness and commitment to upholding all Trust policies.	E	A/I/R
Willingness to consent to and apply for an enhanced disclosure and barring list check.	E	A/I/R
To maintain confidentiality relating to the staff and students of the school at all times.	E	A/I/R
To uphold all aspects of safeguarding	E	A/I/R
To contribute to the Catholic ethos of the school	E	A/I/R