**‘Be Part of Something Big’**

*‘Working with small children is a big deal. It’s a job that makes a difference by helping to give children the best start in life.’*

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**Job Description**

**Teaching Assistant – Level 1, Grade 2**

**Line Management:**

The post holder will report to the Room Leader / Childcare Leader / Deputy Childcare Leader. Apart from other colleagues in the school, the main contacts of the job are: Head Teacher, Senior Leadership team, teaching staff, other support staff and pupils.

**Main Purpose of the Job:**

* Under the guidance of senior support staff, provide support for pupils who require help to enable access to learning and to assist in the management of pupils.
* Provide specialist support in a specific area of curriculum and to supervise groups and occasionally whole classes for a session/lesson in the classroom or outside the main teaching area as required.

**Main Duties:**

# Support for pupils

1. To work with groups of children under the supervision of senior support staff, including the delivery of programmes of work and implementation of ILPs. Be responsible for a group of key worker children.
2. Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
3. Give regular feedback on key worker children’s progress to the leaders, parents and update records
4. Attend to children’s personal needs, including pastoral, social, health, physical hygiene, minor first aid and welfare matters
5. Establish good relationships with pupils, taking on role model by presenting a positive personal image and responding appropriately to individual needs
6. Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
7. Encourage pupils to act independently as appropriate

## Support for Leaders

1. Provide curricular clerical/admin support, eg. photocopying, making lists, collection of monies
2. Under the direction of the leaders prepare the classroom for lessons including contributing ideas to planning, display work and clear afterwards, as appropriate.
3. Undertake pupil record keeping and updating records, information and data, producing reports as required.
4. Assist in the development and implementation of behaviour management strategies.
5. Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers and report on information from parents/carers to leaders.
6. Monitor pupils’ responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed.

## Support for the Curriculum

1. Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/programmes, including those linked to local and national learning strategies. Adjusting activities according to pupil responses and recording achievement and progress and providing feedback to the teacher.
2. Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils’ competence and independence in its use
3. Assist in the whole planning cycle, including the contribution to the development of lesson/work plans and managing and preparing resources for the room and curriculum team you are part of.

## Support for the School

1. Be aware of and comply with child protection procedures, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting any concerns to the relevant member of staff.
2. Assist in maintaining high standards of health and safety at all times.
3. Maintain good relationships with colleagues and work together as a team.
4. Assist in the supervision of classroom and outdoor activities.
5. Assist with the supervision of discreet groups of pupils for short periods.
6. Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
7. Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
8. Attend relevant meetings.
9. Participate in training, including relevant learning strategies and other learning activities and performance management where required.

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 HLTA’s, 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 1 may be called upon occasionally to provide cover supervision for a whole class for a session/lesson e.g. in an urgent situation. However, they will not be required to set or allocate work to the pupils, as this will be determined by the class teacher.

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 postholder 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 to be unachievable, job redesign will be fully considered.

**For this job we are looking for:**

Experience of working with or caring for children of a relevant age

Numeracy/literacy skills (at a level equivalent to NQF Level 2)

Completion of a Teaching Assistant Qualification with Early Years training

Ability to relate well to children and adults

Ability to work as part of a team

An understanding of the role of the Teaching Assistant and other professionals working in the classroom

Ability to use relevant technology eg photocopier, computer, interactive board

Understanding of the Early Years curriculum and other basic learning programmes/strategies

Basic understanding of child development and learning

Willingness to undertake minor first aid training as appropriate

**Personal Style and Behaviour**

Tact and diplomacy in all interpersonal relationships with the public, pupils and colleagues at work.

Self-motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the required timescales and quality standards.

The flexibility to adapt to changing workload demands and new school challenges.

Personal commitment to ensure that the provision of support is equally accessible and appropriate to meet the diverse needs of pupils.

Personal commitment to continuous self-development.

A commitment to school improvement.

Be willing to consent to and apply for an enhanced disclosure to a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.