

## Person Specification – Learning Support Assistant

| General heading  | Detail                         | Examples                          |
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| Qualifications & | Specific qualifications &      | Successful experience working     |
| Experience       | experience                     | with children in a school/early   |
|                  |                                | years environment                 |
|                  |                                | Educated to NVQ Level 2 in        |
|                  |                                | learning support/early years,     |
|                  |                                | NNEB or equivalent                |
|                  |                                | qualification/experience          |
|                  |                                | Completion of DCSF induction      |
|                  |                                | programme                         |
|                  | Knowledge of relevant policies | Basic knowledge of First Aid and  |
|                  | and procedures                 | understanding of the School       |
|                  | Literacy                       | Good reading and writing skills   |
|                  | Numeracy                       | Good numeracy skills              |
|                  | Technology                     | Knowledge of basic ICT to support |
|                  |                                | learning                          |
| Communication    | Written                        | Ability to write basic reports    |
|                  | Verbal                         | Ability to use clear language to  |
|                  |                                | communicate information           |
|                  |                                | unambiguously                     |
|                  |                                | Ability to listen effectively     |
|                  | Languages                      | Overcome communication barriers   |
|                  |                                | with children and adults          |
|                  | Negotiating                    | Consult with children and their   |
|                  |                                | families and carers and other     |
|                  |                                | adults                            |
| Working with     | Behaviour Management           | Understand and implement the      |
| children         |                                | school's behaviour management     |
|                  |                                | policy                            |
|                  | SEN                            | Ability to understand and support |
|                  |                                | children with developmental       |
|                  |                                | difficulty or disability          |
|                  | Curriculum                     | Good understanding of the school  |
|                  |                                | curriculum                        |
|                  |                                | Knowledge of literacy/numeracy    |
|                  |                                | strategies                        |
|                  | Child Development              | Good understanding of the general |
|                  |                                | aspect of child development       |
|                  |                                | Ability to assess progress and    |
|                  |                                | performance                       |
|                  | Health & Well being            | Understand and support the        |
|                  |                                | importance of physical and        |

|                     |                                 | emotional wellbeing   |
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| Working with others | Working with partners           | Understand the role of others working in and with the school Understand and value the role of parents and carers in supporting children |
|                     | Relationships                   | Ability to establish rapport and respectful and trusting relationships with children, their families and carers and other adults        |
|                     | Team work                       | Ability to work effectively with a range of adults  |
|                     | Information                     | Know when, how and with whom to share information Ability to follow instructions accurately   |
| Responsibilities    | Organisational skills           | Good organisational skills Ability to remain calm under pressure  |
|                     | Line Management                 | Ability to support the work of volunteers and other teaching assistants in the classroom  |
|                     | Time Management                 | Ability to manage own time effectively  |
|                     | Creativity                      | Demonstrate creativity and an ability to resolve routine problems independently   |
| General             | Equalities                      | Awareness of and commitment to equality   |
|                     | Health & Safety                 | Basic understanding of Health & Safety  |
|                     | Child Protection                | Understand and implement child protection procedures  |
|                     | Confidentiality/Data Protection | Understand procedures and legislation relating to confidentiality   |
|                     | CPD                             | Be prepared to develop and learn in the role  |