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Job Description: Specialist Teaching Assistant (VI)

Grade: KR4

Employed for: 30 hours per week, term time only + 1 SDD, for as long as the supported young person is a student at the school.

Hours: 08.30 – 15.30 Mon – Friday, (to include 60 minutes unpaid lunch break)

Responsible to: SENCO

Responsible for: Supporting SEND students

Purpose: To work with classroom teachers to support the delivery of quality teaching and learning and to help raise standards of achievement for all students.

To deliver support programmes that enable all students to access the curriculum.

Necessary Experience

- Good standard of Education (Level 3) together with good numeracy and literacy skills (GCSE English and Maths or equivalent).
- At least 2 years' experience of working with students with SEND
- Proficiency with reading and writing in Braille and familiarity with Braille equipment.
- Good ability to use technology (computer, photocopier etc)
- Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety, security and confidentiality.
- Ability to relate well with children and communicate diplomatically and tactfully with adults (e.g. parents)
- Must be motivated and be able to work independently with minimal supervision.

Person Specification

A Specialist Teaching Assistant officer should be:

- Proactive and dynamic
- Approachable
- A good listener
- Non-judgemental
- A role model
- Positive and reliable
- Realistic
- Patient

Through their work with students they will seek to:

- Support students in classrooms
- Help to raise standards and achievement

Accountabilities	Tasks/Actions
SEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with teachers regarding planning and differentiation of work for students with visual impairments or blindness.. • Know and support students' targets. • Facilitate students' access to the curriculum by clarifying and explaining tasks and instructions, developing understanding through questioning, providing differentiated resources, helping with personal organisation and planning of work whilst also encouraging independent learning skills. • Prepare and develop specialist materials/resources for students' lessons in different formats (using ICT equipment if necessary) e.g. adapting/enlarging text/reading resources for accessibility. • Promote positive standards of behaviour – e.g. by keeping students on task, developing positive relationships, modelling good behaviour, supporting school behaviour policy. • Support students in small groups under the direction of the class teacher. • Under direction, support the implementation and delivery of specific programmes e.g. speech and language, physiotherapy, occupational therapy etc. • Under direction, deliver interventions to support student progress e.g. reading, comprehension, spelling, handwriting groups etc. • Administer routine tests and undertake routine marking of students' work. • Ensure that students have full access to all areas of the school environment e.g. by guiding them around the building, supporting cane use. • Support students in developing life and social skills. • Tend to students' personal care or physical needs as necessary e.g. toileting, changing. • Undertake support activities outside of lessons e.g. break/lunch time supervision, homework/breakfast club. • Accompany students on off-site activities and external provisions e.g. school trips, placements. • Provide additional support for students who have alternative access arrangements including acting as invigilator, scribe, reader etc. for internal and external exams. • Under direction, provide support for activities pertaining to the wider school community e.g. vaccinations, photographs etc. • Actively promote all aspects of the school's DSEN provision in a positive way.
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clerical/admin support e.g. photocopying, printing, displays etc. • Assist in gathering information to inform the DSEN audit. • Monitor and record the progress and performance of VI students • Attend Annual Reviews for students with VI and assist the LTA and SENCO in preparing reports for these meetings
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the School's child protection procedures in cases where there is concern over the safety or emotional wellbeing of a student.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain strict confidentiality with regard to both the staff and students within the outside school. • Work effectively as a team member. • Provide a positive role-model in terms of timekeeping, dress code and work ethos. • Support the maintenance management of health and safety in accordance with the health and safety policy. • Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and students and to provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers. • The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or for continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.
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Staff Development

- To assess development and training needs and discuss with line manager.
- To undertake essential training to meet students' needs including moving and handling, first aid etc.
- To set targets before any development activity and review and evaluate the activity after completion, cascading information to the appropriate staff members when relevant.
- To participate fully in training and other staff development activities and keep personal records of all such activities
- Attend relevant meetings as directed.

Conditions

- Teaching Assistants will undertake any other duties which from time to time may be required and be relevant and commensurate with the post, as deemed necessary by the Executive Headteacher or Head of School.
- The job description will be reviewed at the end of the academic year or earlier if necessary. In addition, it may be amended at any time after consultation with you.

Two copies of this job description should be signed, the post holder retaining one and the Executive Headteacher/Head of School the other.

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