Person Specification Learning Support Assistant

Qualifications & Experience	Essential	Desirable
GCSE A - C (or equivalent) Maths and English	√	
Successful recent experience working with secondary age children		✓
Good general standard of education	✓	
 NVQ level 2 in learning support or other equivalent or equivalent qualification/experience. 		√
Skills and Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
 Basic knowledge of First Aid and understanding of the School Policies and Procedures 		√
Understanding of child protection procedures		√
Working knowledge of the education system		✓
Understand procedures and legislation relating to confidentiality	✓	
Understand the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing	✓	
Ability to write basic reports	✓	
Ability to understand and support children with developmental difficulty or disability	√	
Understanding of and ability to implement the school's behaviour management policy	√	
Ability to support the work of volunteers and other teaching assistants in the classroom	√	
Ability to use clear language to communicate information unambiguously and listen effectively	√	
Ability to communicate effectively with children and their families and carers and other adults and overcome communication barriers with children and adults	√	
Good understanding of the school curriculum including knowledge of literacy/numeracy strategies		✓
Know when, how and with whom to share information		✓
ICT skills to support learning		√
Ability to establish rapport and respectful and trusting relationships with children, their families and carers and other adults	√	
Basic understanding of Health & Safety	√	
Personal	Essential	Desirable
Ability to resolve routine problems independently	✓	

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High expectations of self and others	✓
Good organisational skills	✓
Remain calm under pressure	✓
Ability to ensure confidentiality	✓
Ability to use own initiative	✓
Approachable	✓
Ability to work within a team	✓
Reliable and trustworthy	✓