

**Person Specification – Learning Assistant**

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| **Learning Assistant Selection Criteria** | **Essential or****Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** |  |
| * GCSE English and Maths (Grade C or above) or equivalent
* NVQ Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or equivalent qualification
* Willingness to participate in development and training opportunities
* First Aid Certificate
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| **Experience** |  |
| * Experience of working with or caring for children ( 3-11 years of age)
* Experience of working in a school
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| **Professional knowledge and understanding** |  |
| * Basic understanding of principles of child development and learning processes across the primary age range
* General understanding of the National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage principles and practice
* Knowledge of a range of strategies for dealing with and managing pupils with a variety of needs
* Understanding of the importance of values development within the broader curriculum and ethos of the school to support the school community and individual pupils as citizens of the local and world community
* Knowledge of safeguarding children and young people
* Awareness of health and safety
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| **Skills** |  |
| * Good level of written and spoken English
* Able to encourage and motivate children.
* Abie to advise, instruct, negotiate and explain to children.
* Able to assist with the organisation of the learning environment
* Able to use assertive discipline strategies in the school.
* Able to model an assertive and respectful way in talking and dealing with children.
* Able to model the idea of respect between all staff and pupils.
* Able to plan and prioritise tasks within specific deadlines
* Able to engage with and communicate effectively to a range of audiences
* Able to judge when to make decisions and when to consult with others
* Able to deal sensitively with people and resolve conflicts
* Able to use ICT effectively to support learning
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| **Professional Qualities** |  |
| * Committed to excellence with high aspirations for all pupils
* Committed to the maintenance of good relationships with staff, parents, pupils, governors, the community and other stakeholders
* Well organised and able to work under pressure and to deadlines
* Able to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek professional development opportunities
* Committed to equality, with respect and empathy to all
* Enthusiastic and inspiring to staff, pupils and parents
* Consistent and fair to all
* Capacity to be flexible and adaptable – willing to take on and develop the best of ideas from within and outside the school
* Able to comply with policies and procedures
* Able to respond to every day and emergency situations calmly and quickly
* Resilient and has a good sense of humour
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