



TEACHING ASSISTANT PERSON SPECIFICATION

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A GCSE grade of C or higher in English and Mathematics (or equivalent qualification). • NVQ Level 2 for Teaching Assistants • A Proficiency in improving basic numeracy and literacy with specialist skills in literacy that will enable you to work with targeted individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional qualification relative to post i.e. PGCE. • TEFL qualification • Autism training • Current First Aid training
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working effectively supporting children in a learning environment. • Understanding of principles of child development and learning processes and in particular, barriers to learning. • Experience of working with students with English as an Additional Language • Experience of working with SEN/ASC children and the strategies that support The core National Occupational Standards for Supporting Teaching and Learning standards are relevant to this role https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239935/NOS-SUPPORT for supporting teaching learning.pdf • Experience in delivering educational programmes by participating in day-to-day learning activities including individual work programmes for pupils' special educational needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of relevant learning programmes/strategies/codes of practice.
Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to continuing personal and professional learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of recent professional learning • A willingness to develop formal capability through achievement of NVQ level 3 in an appropriate field.

Knowledge & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good numeracy/literacy skills. • Ability to communicate and relate to staff, students and parents alike. • Excellent keyboard skills. • Effective use of ICT and technology. • Ability to work constructively as part of the TA support team. • Ability to maintain records and pupil files including evidence of pupil progress. • Ability to maintain confidentiality and to work in line with relevant safeguarding policies and practices. • Ability to act calmly and quickly under pressure or in an emergency. • Ability to communicate effectively with pupils and motivate them to learn. • Ability to effectively support colleagues and contribute positively to the values and ethos of the school and Trust. • Ability to undertake routine tasks under the direction of a teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in the relevant strategies for literacy and/or curriculum or learning area e.g. bi-lingual, sign language, dyslexia. • Training in strategies to support students with English as an Additional Language
Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility to cope with diverse needs of the role. • Resilience to work under pressure. • Positive, personable and optimistic. 	

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