

## Personal specification

## Teaching Assistant

| Key Criteria   | Essential   | Desirable   |
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| Qualifications<br>and Training   | <ul> <li>✓ Good level of spoken and written English.</li> <li>✓ Numerate.</li> <li>✓ Training or experience in appropriate<br/>strategies e.g. English and or in particular<br/>EYFS/national Curriculum or learning area.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>NVQ3 in teaching assistance or<br/>equivalent qualification or<br/>experience. May have<br/>achieved or be working<br/>towards Higher Level Teaching<br/>Assistant standard.</li> <li>GCSE or equivalent<br/>qualifications.</li> <li>May have undertaken<br/>appropriate first aid training.</li> <li>Fluency in another community<br/>language.</li> </ul> |
| Competence<br>Summary<br>(knowledge,<br>abilities,<br>skills,<br>experience) | <ul> <li>✓ Experience of working with young people in a school/nursery learning environment.</li> <li>✓ Good working knowledge of child development and learning processes, relevant policies/codes of practice, national curriculum, relevant learning programmes/strategies and awareness of relevant legislation.</li> <li>✓ Able to plan and deal with conflicting priorities in organising own work schedule.</li> <li>✓ Able to use school IT systems to support learning and perform a range of administrative tasks.</li> <li>✓ Able to use other equipment e.g. video recorder, photocopier and relevant specialist equipment.</li> <li>✓ Able to relate to and communicate well with children and adults, motivate pupils to learn, clarify and explain instructions to pupils and respond sensitively and flexibly to competing demands.</li> <li>✓ Able to work effectively as part of a team, understand classroom roles and responsibilities and follow and interpret instructions and guidance.</li> </ul> |   |

|  | <ul> <li>✓ Able to learn and take responsibility for own development and share knowledge with colleagues and support their development.</li> <li>✓ Able to deliver educational work programmes, evaluate and implement strategies to enhance learning.</li> <li>✓ Able to work with pupils within the school's agreed behaviour management policy</li> <li>✓ Able to prepare/display relevant resources/materials for teaching and learning activities.</li> <li>✓ Able to assist with the organisation of the learning environment.</li> </ul> |   |
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| Work related<br>Personal<br>Requirements | <ul> <li>✓ Experience of communicating with parents<br/>and carers.</li> <li>✓ Committed to equality of opportunity.</li> <li>✓ Able to demonstrate relevant practical skills<br/>for resource preparations.</li> </ul>   | Able and competent to supervise whole classes.  |
| Other Work<br>Requirements               | <ul> <li>Able to identify own training needs and<br/>actively seek learning opportunities, share<br/>knowledge with others, support their<br/>development and participate in training and<br/>development activities.</li> </ul>  | Comfortable with managing the<br>personal care of children, and if<br>necessary, including changing of<br>soiled or wet clothing. |