# **PERSON SPECIFICATION: Teaching Assistant – English as an Additional Language POST REFERENCE:**

**HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS. IF THIS POST IS SUBJECT TO SAFER RECRUITMENT MEASURES THEN A DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED.**

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| * **Educational/vocational/ occupational qualifications and/or training**
* **Specific qualifications (or equivalents)**
 | * Possesses Level 2 teaching assistant qualification (F)
* Good general standard of education qualifications to GCSE particularly English and Maths (Grades A\*-C)
* Recognised and relevant Continuing Professional Development/ Training (F)
 | * Educated to Level 3 or above (F)
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| * **Work or other relevant experience**
 | * Experience of working with/ in schools (F)(I)(R)
* Experience of working with children/ young people with English as an Additional Language (EAL)/ International New Arrivals (INA) (F)(I)(R)
* Experience of working with children, young people and families (F)(I)(R)
* Experience of multi-agency working (F)(I)(R)
* Ability to organise workload (F)(I)
 | * Experience of creating and implementing new initiatives (F)(I)
* Experience of working with refugees/ asylum seekers (F)(I)(R)
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| * **Skills, abilities, knowledge and competencies**
 | * Full working knowledge and experience of implementing national curriculum and other relevant learning programmes (F)(I)(R)
* Knowledge and commitment to comply with policies and legislation in relation to child protection, health and safety, confidentiality and data protection (F)(I)
* Ability to assist in the delivery of learning activities to individuals and small groups under the professional supervision of a teacher (F)(I)(R)
* Excellent communication and interpersonal skills (F)(I)
* Effective listening, negotiation and motivational skills (F)(I)
* Ability to work on own initiative and respond appropriately to guidance (F)(I)
* Ability work with professionals, parents, carers and pupils (F)(I)
* Ability to assist in the review and evaluation of initiatives and strategies (F)(I)(R)
* Ability to use IT systems and management information systems to support effective working (F)(I)
 | * Knowledge of legislation and initiatives in relation to children and young people with English as an Additional Language, refugees and asylum seekers (F)(I)
* Understanding of the barriers to learning and inclusion experienced by vulnerable learners and education providers and strategies that contribute to their resolution (F)(I)
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| * + **General competencies**
 | * Creative and flexible approach to working (F)(I)(R)
* Ability to adapt to change quickly (F)(I)(R)
* Ability to work as part of The Virtual School team and contribute to self evaluation and planning (F)(I)
* Self motivated (F)(I)(R)
* Ability to motivate, inspire and have high expectations of pupils (F)(I)F)
* Reliable (F)(I)(R)
* Maintain confidentiality (F)(I)(R)
* Good attendance and punctuality record (F)(I)(R)
* Be able to travel independently around the borough (F)(I)
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