**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Enhanced Teaching Assistant**

**PERSON SPECIFICATION AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

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| CATEGORY | ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE | HOW CRITERIA WILL BE ASSESSED |
| APPLICATION | * Fully supported in reference
* Well-structured supporting letter indicating previous experience as a teaching assistant (No more than 500 words)
 | * Practising Catholic or a commitment to supporting our Catholic ethos
 | - Application Form- References |
| QUALIFICATIONS | * Qualified Teaching Assistant – equivalent to Level 3 or above
 | * Evidence of training eg. paediatric first aid, food hygiene, Child Protection level 1
 | - Application Form |
| EXPERIENCE | * Successfully worked in at least one school supporting teaching and learning experiences in EYFS/KS1
* Experience of successful and co-operative working as a member of a team
* Track record over time of supporting pupil achievement
* Track record of actively promoting safeguarding procedures in a school
 | * Experience in more than one Key Stage
 | - Application Form- References- Interview |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | * Evidence of recent professional development activities and/or training in relation to Primary education within the past 2 years
 | * Evidence of up to date professional development in relation to the Primary curriculum and safeguarding
 | - Application Form- References- Interview |
| SKILLS | * Ability to communicate effectively in a variety of situations
* Good level of English and phonics knowledge
* Good ICT skills
* Good understanding of classroom and behaviour management
* Able to support pupils with toileting and personal hygiene
 | * Ability to develop and maintain a supportive and caring emotional environment for young children
 | - Application Form- References- Interview |
| SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE | * Provide specialist support to all pupils in a particular learning area (eg. EYFS, ICT, Literacy, Numeracy, NC subject).
* Detailed knowledge of the structure and content of the current EYFS and KS1 curriculum
* Understanding and knowledge of current issues in education
 | * Knowledge of supportive duties with EYFS/KS1
* Ability to incorporate characteristics of effective learning into all aspects of provision
 | - Application Form- References- Interview |
| PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES | * Ability to demonstrate enthusiastic, sensitive, resilient and appropriate teamwork whilst working with others
* Eagerness to be part of a team and contribute to the wider aims of the school
* High quality care guidance and support for pupils
* Evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with staff and pupils
* A track record of making learning fun and exciting for children ensuring all children develop a real desire for learning and school
 | * An enthusiasm for and understanding of how promoting and incorporating aspects of Sustainability and LOtC can positively impact on children’s learning
 | - Application Form- References- Interview |