

Job Description

Post Title: Teaching Assistant

Grade/Scale: Grade 2 SCP 15-17

Salary: £17,972 - £18,672

pro rata to hours and weeks worked

Contract: Fixed Term until July 2020

Hours of work: 8.30 am- 11.45am and 12.30pm – 4pm, term time only

Responsible to: Nursery Teacher

Line Manager: Early Years Foundation Stage Leader

Purpose of Job:

To support and assist teachers as part of a professional team to contribute to raising standards of pupils' achievement and to undertake a range of learning activities under the professional direction and supervision of qualified teachers and/or senior colleagues, in line with the school's policies and procedures.

Principal Responsibilities

Providing support for children, teachers and the whole school as outlined below:

Main Duties

Support for the Teacher

- assist in the preparation and reproduction of learning materials and the management of resources
- assist in the deployment and setting up of equipment and resources and making them ready for use in order to organise the teaching environment
- oversee the care and cleanliness of the teaching environment, equipment, apparatus and materials
- assist in the preparation of display materials and the copying and duplication of teaching materials
- supporting teaching staff or senior colleagues with routine administration ie. filing reports, distributing leaflets and reports
- Contributing to the assessment of children's progress and development as directed by the teacher through observations, basic record-keeping and discussion with the teacher (for example, contributing evidence to the planning and production of IEP).

Support for the Child/ren

- Supervise the use of equipment as required to maintain children's needs and support their participation in learning tasks and activities
- assist in ensuring that the length of time spent on tasks and activities is consistent with the individual children's needs and according to instructions
- assist individual children or small groups of children in classroom activities under the specific direction of the teacher and/or other support staff
- Maintain awareness of children's needs and targets
- Have a level of understanding of SEN, as determined by the SEN Code of Practice

Support for the School

- assist in maintaining a safe environment for children and staff
- accompany teachers and classes on educational visits as required
- assist in the supervision of children during the day and in the playgrounds/school grounds as required
- assist in ensuring that children adhere to the behaviour policy of the school and providing feedback to teaching staff and senior colleagues on the effectiveness of strategies used
- contribute to preparing children's reports as appropriate
- liaise with parents and other parties as required

General Requirements

- attend and participate in training and development activities as required
- participate in professional development and review
- be an effective role model for the standards of behaviour expected of children
- have due regard to confidentiality, child protection procedures, health and safety, other statutory requirements and the policies of the governing body and the local education authority

Professional Values and Practices

- have high expectations of all children; respecting their social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds; and being committed to raising their educational achievement
- treat children consistently with respect and consideration and being concerned with their development as learners
- use behaviour management strategies which contribute to a purposeful learning environment in line with the school's policy and procedures
- work collaboratively with colleagues as part of a professional team; and carrying out roles effectively, knowing when to seek help and advice from colleagues
- reflect upon and seeking to improve personal practice
- work within schools policies and procedures and being aware of legislation relevant to personal role and responsibility in the school
- recognise equal opportunities issues as they arise in the schools and responding effectively, following schools policies and procedures
- build and maintain successful relationships with children, parents/carers and staff
- engage in relevant Safeguarding Training and following school procedures at all times

The Post holder must:

- 1. Act in compliance with data protection principles in respecting the privacy of personal information held by the council.
- 2. Comply with the principles of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the management of council records and information.
- 3. Carry out their duties with full regard to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, Safeguarding Policy and all other Council Policies.
- 4. Comply with the Council Health and Safety rules and regulations and with Health and Safety legislation.