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**Job Description: Higher Level Teaching Assistant Job Description (Grade 7)**

**Responsible to: Co-Headteachers**

**Main Job Purpose**

To complement teachers’ delivery of the national curriculum and contribute to the

development of other support staff, pupils, school policies and strategies.

To work both independently and collaboratively with teaching staff in the whole planning

cycle and the management/preparation of resources. Also to deliver learning to individuals,

small groups and whole classes as and when required within agreed systems of supervision.

To provide support for pupils, the teacher and the school in order to raise standards of

achievement for all, by utilising advanced levels of knowledge and skills when assisting with

planning, monitoring, assessing and managing classes.

To encourage pupils to become independent learners, to provide support for their welfare,

and to support the inclusion of pupils in all aspects of school life.

**Main responsibilities**

**Support for Pupils, Teachers and the Curriculum**

● Plan, prepare and deliver learning to individuals, small groups and/or classes modifying

and adapting activities to advance pupils’ learning as necessary within agreed systems

of supervision;

● Provide the teacher with accurate and objective feedback on pupil progress and other

matters, ensuring the availability of supporting evidence.

● Provide short- term cover of classes – both in planned and in unexpected non-timetabled

situations, including PPA cover;

● Be aware of and work within school policies and procedures;

● Assess, record and report on development, progress and attainment and use this

knowledge and understanding to extend and challenge pupil’s learning;

● Work collaboratively with staff and other relevant professionals and provide information

about pupils as appropriate;

● Use teaching and learning objectives to plan, evaluate and differentiate lessons/work

plans as appropriate within agreed systems of supervision;

● Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support and

advance pupils’ learning;

● Plan and implement strategies to support pupils in their social development and their

emotional well-being, dealing with and following the school’s policy on reporting

problems as necessary;

● Provide support to pupils in more specialist areas of learning;

● Teaching Assistants at this level are expected to undertake at least one of the following

and be seen as a specialist in that area, with responsibility for identifying and planning

appropriate interventions as required:

⮚ Provide specialist support to pupils with learning, behavioural, communication,

social, sensory or physical difficulties (SEND)

⮚ Provide specialist support to pupils where English is not their first language

⮚ Provide specialist support to gifted and talented pupils

⮚ Provide specialist support to all pupils in a particular learning area (e.g. ICT,

literacy, numeracy, National Curriculum subject).

● Establish and maintain relationships with parents, carers and other professionals, e.g.

speech therapists;

● Contribute to the development and review of Support plans for pupils and implement

them effectively. Including attendance at, and contribution to meetings such as TAFs;

● Support the role of parents / carers in pupils’ learning and contribute to meetings with

parents / carers to provide constructive feedback and specialist advice/knowledge e.g.

pupil progress/achievement;

● Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school

and at lunchtimes but not as a supervisory assistant;

● Take responsibility for pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required;

● Contribute to the development of school policies and procedures;

● Manage the work and development of other classroom support staff where appropriate;

● Be responsible for the preparation, maintenance and control of stocks of materials and

resources in line with school policy;

● Maintain a clean, safe and tidy learning environment;

● Liaise with external agencies as required;

● Provide pastoral care to pupils;

● Be responsible for pupils who are not working to the normal timetable;

● Assist pupils with eating, dressing and hygiene, as required and in line with School Policy,

whilst encouraging independence where possible;

● Utilise advanced levels of knowledge and skills when assisting the teacher with planning,

monitoring , assessing and managing classes

● Provide basic first aid, if appropriate, ensuring timely referral to health service in

emergency situations;

● May be asked to Administer medication subject to agreement and in line with school

policy;

● Invigilate examinations and tests;

● To actively participate in the Ofsted process with regard to specialisms;

● Prepare and present displays;

● Support the use of ICT in the curriculum.

**Support for the School**

● Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection,

confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to a designated lead;

● Show a duty of care and take appropriate action to comply with health and safety

requirements at all times;

● Be aware of and support difference and ensure that all pupils have access to

opportunities to learn and develop;

● Contribute to the overall ethos, work and aims of the school;

● Maintain good relationships with colleagues and work together as a team;

● Appreciate and support the role of other professionals;

● Attend relevant meetings as required;

● Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as

required;

● Demonstrate and promote commitment to equal opportunities and to the elimination of

behaviour and practices that could be discriminatory.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young

people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. You are therefore

under a duty to use the school’s procedures to report any concerns you may have regarding

the safety or well-being of any child or young person.

The duties and responsibilities highlighted in this Job Description are not exhaustive and the

post holder will be expected to undertake any duties that may reasonably fall within the level

of responsibility and the competence of the post as directed by the Co-Headteachers.