

**Person Specification – Support Assistant Level 2**

# Part A: Application Stage

The following criteria (experience, skills and qualifications) will be used to short-list at the application stage:

# Essential

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| 1 | Experience of supporting children in a learning environment |
| 2 | Knowledge of national/foundation stage curriculum |
| 3 | Experience of classroom organisation |
| 4 | Experience of administrative and clerical duties in a school or office environment |
| 5 | Level 2 Basic Skills (Literacy and Numeracy) or equivalent competency, such as GCSE |
| 6 | Ability to administer medication to pupils by agreement with the jobholder in accordance with the schools policy on this issue |
| 7 | Willingness to attend to the intimate care needs of children. |
| 8 | Assisting in the supervision of pupils, particularly at break times and lunchtimes. |

# Desirable

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| 9 | First Aid Training |

# Part B: Assessment Stage

Items1, 2, and 3 of the application stage criteria and the criteria below will be further explored at the assessment stage:

# Essential

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| 1 | Experience of using IT to support pupils in the classroom |
| 2 | Able to use language and other communication skills that children can understand and relate to. |
| 3 | Able to empathise with the needs of children and in particular able to establish positive relationships with pupils. |
| 4 | Able to consistently and effectively implement agreed behaviour management strategies. |
| 5 | Able to provide levels of individual attention, reassurance and help with learning tasks as appropriate to pupils’ needs |
| 6 | Able to work within and apply all relevant school policies and schemes of work |
| 7 | Able to supervise groups of pupils. |
| 8 | Able to carry out and report on systematic observations of pupils’ knowledge, understanding and skills. |
| 9 | Able to undertake routine marking |
| 10 | Able to work effectively as part of a team |
| 11 | Committed to achieving further professional development |
| 12 | Appropriate behaviour and attitude towards safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people including:   * motivation to work with children and young people * ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people * emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours * attitude to use of authority and maintaining discipline. * able to work in partnership with other agencies |
| 13 | No disclosure about criminal convictions or safeguarding concern that makes applicant unsuitable for this post. |

# Desirable

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| 14 | Knowledge of SEN Code of Practice |

The following methods of assessment will be used:

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| **Method** |  | **Method** |  |
| Interview | Yes | Presentation | No |
| Lesson Observation | No | Structured discussion with pupils | No |
| Task | Yes | Other (specify) | No |

# Part C: Additional Requirements

The following criteria must be judged as satisfactory when pre-employment checks are completed:

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| **1** | Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service |
| **2** | Additional criminal record checks if applicant has lived outside the UK within the 5 years prior to appointment |
| **3** | Barred list check |
| **4** | Medical clearance |
| **5** | Two references from current and previous employers (or education establishment if applicant not in employment) |