

Level 2 Teaching Assistant

THE WALNUTS SCHOOL

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Job Description

Purpose of job

Support access to learning for pupils and provide general support to the teacher in the management of pupils, both in and out of the classroom.

Working under the guidance and instruction of the class teacher, take a leading role in the planning and evaluation of one or more specific learning activities or teaching programmes.

Key Objectives

1	Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities.
2	Implement planned learning activities/teaching programmes as agreed with the teacher, adjusting activities according to pupils' responses as appropriate.
3	Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans, by arranging/providing resources for lessons/activities under the direction of the teacher. Assist with displays.
4	Participate in planning and evaluation of learning activities with the teacher, providing feedback to the teacher on pupil progress and behaviour.
5	Provide feedback to the pupils in relation to attainment and progress under the guidance of the teacher.
6	Support pupils in social and emotional well-being, reporting problems to the teacher as appropriate.
7	Assist in escorting and supervising pupils (or independently escort small groups) on educational visits and out of school activities.
8	Attend to pupils' personal needs and implement related personal programmes, including social, medical needs, First Aid, physical, hygiene and welfare matters with appropriate training/support.
9	Level B duties may be considered to include any of those listed at Level A. See MK Teaching Assistant Level 1.

Schools benefit from a flexible approach to working arrangements – because of this, the tasks and responsibilities listed here are not definitive. Head Teachers may require particular additional duties to be undertaken to suit the specific school's requirements and these may be incorporated in the role requirements as long as they are at a similar and appropriate level to the other listed duties.

Scope

- Have familiarity with all relevant Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCs) specific to the children you are working with.
- Assist in the development of development plans for pupils.
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use.
- Monitor and manage stock and supplies for the classroom.
- Support the teacher in managing pupil behaviour, reporting difficulties as appropriate.
- Work is normally carried out in the classroom or similar environment, which may sometimes involve exposure to noise or other unpleasant conditions.
- Work maybe in classes from Reception to Post 16.

Work Profile

- No formal supervisory responsibility.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work.
- Select, prepare and clear away classroom materials and learning areas ensuring that they are available for use, including developing and presenting displays.
- Attend to pupils' personal needs and implement related personal programmes, including social, specific medical needs, physical hygiene and welfare matters with appropriate training/support.
- To adhere to school local and national authority guidelines, exercising professional discretion at all times.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Attend relevant meetings.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.

Personal Specification

Skills and Knowledge		Level		Assess by;
<u>A</u> ttainable	Successful applicants will be expected to obtain the denoted qualifications or experience within an agreed period of time		<u>A</u>	A Application I Interview T Testing R Reference
<u>D</u> esirable	Applications will be preferred from candidates with the denoted qualifications or experience		<u>D</u>	
<u>E</u> ssential	Applicants without the denoted qualifications or experience will not be considered for this role		<u>E</u>	
Qualifications	NVQ2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualifications or experience	X		A
Skills / Experience	Significant experience of working with individuals and groups of children in a classroom setting		X	A
	Experience of young people with SEND		X	A,I
Competencies		Level		Assess by;
<u>A</u> wareness	Demonstrable aptitude and ability to develop in the particular work area		<u>A</u>	A Application I Interview T Testing R Reference
<u>S</u> ignificant	Clear competence in the work element sufficient for all role requirements		<u>S</u>	
<u>E</u> xtensive	Sufficient expertise in the work element to lead and mentor others, and influence policy and practice		<u>E</u>	
Planning and organising work	Working with the teacher to ensure preparations are made within the classroom for all learning activities on a daily and weekly basis	X		I,R
Planning capacity and resources	Ensuring adequate resources are available for planned activities	X		I,R
Influencing and interpersonal skills	Encouraging inclusivity and engagement with all learning activities	X		I,R
	Ensuring that all communications are tailored to suit the individual child	X		I,R
Using initiative	Dealing with day-to-day problems and issues in a confident and creative manner		X	I,R
Working independently	Able to manage individuals and small groups of learners independently during the school day		X	I,R
Managing people	Working co-operatively with class colleagues		X	I,R
Managing resources	Keeping accurate records when required	X		I,R
	Use and safekeeping of classroom equipment		X	I,R
Managing risk	Full working knowledge of relevant policies and practices in relation to health and safety, safeguarding, child protection.	X		I,R
Managing oneself	Awareness of opportunities for professional self-improvement		X	I,R

Child Protection

The Walnuts School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are required, before taking up post, to undertake a criminal record check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Candidates for teaching and support staff posts will be assessed at interview for their suitability to work with children. Appointment is conditional upon at least two satisfactory references which include specific comments on working with children and young people. All staff at the school have a responsibility to promote and safeguard the welfare of students at the school.