

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**TITLE:** Teaching Assistant (1)  
**SCHOOL:** Beechwood Primary School  
**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Headteacher/Line Manager/SENCO  
**GRADE:** L2

**PURPOSE OF POST:** The Teaching Assistant may be deployed to support pupils and staff through the provision of general assistance in the classroom and the school, or to support a child with specific needs (e.g. behavioural difficulties/ or English as an additional language).

**ORGANISATION CHART:** Headteacher/LineManager/SENCO  
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**Teaching Assistant**

### PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide support in the classroom, group rooms and in-house provisions to individuals/groups of pupils as directed by the class teacher/line manager (e.g.IEPs, care plans etc.)
2. Follow and implement the school's behaviour and any related policies and procedures. Invigilate tests and examinations as directed.
3. Provide support for learning in the classroom as directed by the class teacher/line manager and help to maintain the order and cleanliness of the classroom environment e.g. putting up displays, (may involve the '21 tasks of the National Agreement)
4. Assist in the supervision of children during the working day, on/off site including for example school visits, swimming; accompany children home or to hospital before and after school.
5. Assist in classroom preparation.
6. Under the direction of the Line Manager/Senco/Headteacher develop and maintain supportive relationships with parents, carers and others of the pupil's community. Contribute to the care, including intimate care, health and welfare of pupils in accordance with the relevant school policies and support the outcomes of the Every Child Matters agenda
7. Keep records and provide feedback to teaching and other staff on pupils' behaviour and progress.
8. Maintain and respect confidentiality.

## **DIMENSIONS:**

**Supervisory Management:** None

**Financial Resources:** None

**Physical Resources:** Classroom Materials, equipment and resources

**Other:**

## **CONTEXT:**

All support staff are part of a whole school team. They are required to support the values and ethos of the school and school priorities as defined in the School Improvement Plan. They are required to support and follow all relevant school policies including those for behaviour and child protection. This will mean focussing on the needs of colleagues, parents and pupils and being flexible in a busy pressurised environment. They should be involved in promoting the acceptance and integration of pupils with special educational needs. They might also be involved assisting pupils for whom English is an additional language

**Because of the nature of this job, it will be necessary for the appropriate level of criminal record disclosure to be undertaken. Therefore, it is essential in making your application you disclose whether you have any pending charges, convictions, bind-overs or cautions and, if so, for which offences. This post will be exempt from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders 1974 (Exemptions) (Amendments) Order 1986. Therefore, applicants are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provision of the Act, and, in the event of the employment being taken up, any failure to disclose such convictions will result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the Authority. The fact that a pending charge, conviction, bind-over or caution has been recorded against you will not necessarily debar you from consideration for this appointment.**

**Disclosures are handled in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice which can be accessed via [www.disclosure.gov.uk](http://www.disclosure.gov.uk)**

Please note if you are shortlisted for this role, an online name search will be undertaken, as per Keeping Children Safe in Education. The purpose of the search is to help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which school might want to explore with you at interview. Further information on how online searches will be undertaken can be found in our schools Recruitment and Selection Policy.

**Physical Effort:** The job is likely to involve some lifting of children and equipment on a regular basis. Training will be provided where necessary

**Working Environment:** There could be a frequent requirement to deal with vomit and bodily fluids when children are unwell or when following care plans

## Person Specification

This acts as selection criteria and gives an outline of the types of person and the characteristics required to do the job.

Essential (E) :- without which candidate would be rejected

Desirable (D):- useful for choosing between two good candidates.

<b>Please make sure, when completing your application form, you give <u>clear examples</u> of how you meet the essential and desirable criteria.</b>				
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>How Measured</b>	<b>Desirable</b>	<b>How Measured</b>
<b>Experience</b>	Demonstrable ability to communicate effectively with children and adults.	1,2	Some experience of working with people with special educational needs.	1,2
<b>Skills/Abilities</b>	Basic numeracy to support the learning needs of pupils at the relevant Key Stage. Basic literacy to support the learning needs of pupils at the relevant Key Stage.  Able to work as a member of a team.  Able to contribute to the support of children in all areas of personal development.  Able to converse with ease with members of the public and provide effective help or advice in accurate and fluent spoken English	1,2  1,2,5  1,2,  1,2  1,2,5		
<b>Equality Issues</b>	An appreciation of some of the common forms of discrimination.	1,2		
<b>Specialist Knowledge</b>			An appreciation of the ways in which children learn.	1,2
<b>Education and Training</b>	Willing and able to undertake training and development activities as required.	1,2		
<b>Other Requirement</b>				

**(1 = Application Form 2 = Interview 3 = Test 4 = Proof of Qualification 5 = Practical Exercise)**

We will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Equality Act 2010 to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the Act) to meet the requirements of the post.

The Job-holder will ensure that Luton Borough Council's policies are reflected in all aspects of his/her work, in particular those relating to;

- (i) Equal Opportunities
- (ii) Health and Safety
- (iii) Data Protection Act (1984 & 1998).

In addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children 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; and, attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.

***The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.***