

Job Description – Teaching Assistant – OLOL Band 2

Job Purpose

- To work under the direction of the Lead TA, or the Head Teacher, to support teaching and learning usually within the classroom to maximise the participation of pupils in the social and academic processes of the school.
- Working under the direction of the teacher/senior staff, encourage pupils to become more independent learners and help to raise achievement and attainment for all pupils.
- This may be done in the form of one-to-one support, working with small groups or the whole class, to help raise the standard of achievement for all pupils, including pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Duties, responsibilities and key tasks Key Duties:

- Support pupils' learning activities for children with additional learning needs.
- Establish and maintain relationships with individuals and small groups by using effective communication to enable them to access the curriculum.
- Contribute to the management of pupil behaviour by encouraging positive behaviour in the classroom.

Support the pupil by:

- Undertaking learning activities with either individuals or groups of children to ensure their safety and facilitate their physical, emotional and educational development.
- Carrying out pre-determined educational activities and work programmes whilst promoting independent learning.
- Working to establish a supportive relationship with the children and parents concerned.
- Encouraging acceptance and inclusion of the child with special needs, while promoting and reinforcing the child's self-esteem.

Support the Teacher by:

- Providing support for learning activities by monitoring the effectiveness of activities in promoting pupils' learning and modifying these where necessary.
- Keeping records of the children's development as required by the school.
- Providing general support to the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom and on educational visits.

Support the school by :

- Demonstrating a willingness to keep up to date with professional practices by maintaining an understanding of the requirements of the role.
- Being aware of school's policies and procedures.
- Being aware of confidential issues linked to home/pupil/teacher/schoolwork and to keep confidences as appropriate.

- Undertaking any other curriculum duties which may reasonably be regarded as within the nature of the duties and responsibilities/grade of the post.
- Performing any task or duty under the reasonable direction of the Lead Teaching Assistant or a member of the School's Senior Leadership Team.

Person Specification – OLOL Band 2 TA

Essential Criteria

Qualifications

- GCSEs (or equivalent) in English and Maths.

Experience

- Experience supporting pupils in a classroom setting.

Knowledge and Skills

- An exceptional understanding of how children learn.
- Good English and Maths knowledge, and an understanding of how to support children in all areas of learning.
- Understanding of factors likely to impact on students' behaviour and well being.
- Strong communication skills with pupils, staff, and families.
- Ability to use ICT and other resources to support learning.
- Experience of Safeguarding Policy and Procedure

Personal Attributes

- Excellent communication skills – empathy with children with the ability to relate well to staff and parents.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team, committed to making a difference.
- Reliable, enthusiastic, highly motivated.
- Calm and professional manner
- Helpful and resilient with high standards.
- Commitment to the Catholic ethos and values of the school.

Desirable Criteria

- Behaviour management qualifications and/or training.
- Experience of Safeguarding Policy and Procedure

This job description contains the main accountabilities relating to this post and does not describe in detail all the tasks required to carry them out. All staff are expected to be flexible to ensure the most effective organisation and delivery of services.

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The Trust will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

Whilst every effort has been made to outline the key duties and responsibilities of the role, it is not an exhaustive list. The duties and responsibilities of the role may vary from time to time, commensurate with and without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed, and would not in itself justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.