

Job Description

Job Title	Cover Supervisor
Grade	C/D
Responsible To	Senior Advanced Teaching Assistant / Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Head Teacher / Principal
Staff Managed	None
Job Family	Teaching Assistants
Job Purpose:	To provide short term cover for absent teaching staff, allocating pre-prepared work, keeping pupils on task and managing the behaviour of pupils during class. The role does not involve planning, preparing, delivering lessons or assessing and reporting on the development progress and attainment of pupils.
Job Context:	Cover should only be used for short term absence. Short term absence occurs when individuals have a number of absences in relative short spells of time. Longer term absence (maternity leave, long term sick leave) should be covered by a teacher.
Main Responsibilities	
Key strategic elements of the job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise pre-prepared activities and self-directed learning in the absence of the teacher to enable continuity of learning • Provide support and encouragement to pupils, and manage classroom organisation during the cover lesson • Manage the behaviour of pupils through the implementation of the school behaviour policy and practices, and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour • Collect any completed work at the end of the lesson and return it to the appropriate person
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish rapport and respectful, trusting relationships and communicate effectively with pupils • Communicate pupil work as set out by the classroom teacher • Report back as appropriate using agreed referral procedure on the behaviour of the class • Pay due regard to professional boundaries, maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality • Provide feedback to teachers and other professionals as required • Participate in staff meetings
Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be committed to safeguarding and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, raising concerns as appropriate • Assist pupils with personal hygiene, first aid and welfare, including physical and medical needs, whilst encouraging independence (<i>Upon agreement with postholder</i>)
Planning and Organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare the classroom/ resources for lessons, ensuring that resources are cleared away at the end • Undertake administration and any other duties that might be reasonably required commensurate with the grade of the post • Supervise pupils and provide access arrangements for pupils sitting internal and external examinations ensuring that examinations comply with Examination Board Regulations • Participate in the school's procedures for appraisal, training and other learning activities
Data Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with the Trusts policies and supporting documentation in relation to Information Governance this includes Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality.

Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of and implement your health and safety responsibilities as an employee and where appropriate any additional specialist or managerial health and safety responsibilities as defined in the Health and Safety policy and procedure. • To work with colleagues and others to maintain health, safety and welfare within the working environment.
Equalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We aim to make sure that services are provided fairly to all sections of our community, and that all our existing and future employees have equal opportunities. • Ensure services are delivered in accordance with the aims of the Equal Opportunities Policy Statement. • Develop own understanding of equality issues.
Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst this job outline provides a summary of the post, this may need to be adapted or adjusted to meet changing circumstances. • Reasonable additional duties commensurate with the grading of the job role may be requested from your line manager. • Permanent & significant changes would be subject to consultation. All staff are required to comply with Policies and Procedures
Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust requires a commitment to equity of access and outcomes, this will include due regard to equality, diversity, dignity, respect and human rights and working with others to keep vulnerable people safe from abuse and mistreatment. • The Trust requires that staff offer the best level of service to their customers and behave in a way that gives them confidence. Customers will be treated as individuals, with respect for their diversity, culture and values. • Understand your own role and its limits, and the importance of providing care or support.

Person Specification

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Responsible To	Senior Advanced Teaching Assistant / Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Headteacher / Principal	
Staff Managed	None	
Job Family	Teaching Assistant	
Essential		Desirable (if not attained, development may be provided for successful candidate)
Knowledge		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of classroom roles and responsibilities An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good understanding of child/young people's development and learning processes Working knowledge of relevant policies and legislation e.g. child protection and health & safety procedures Knowledge of behaviour management techniques
Experience		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working with pupils of a relevant age in an education environment Ability to work effectively as part of a team and to form positive professional relationships with colleagues 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invigilating internal and external examinations Experience of working with children with additional needs
Occupational Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to effectively manage student behaviour in accordance with the school's behaviour management policy and procedure Good interpersonal skills and sense of humour Good written and verbal communication skills: able to communicate effectively with all children, young people, families and carers Demonstrable ICT skills Ability to use own initiative to work flexibly and respond positively to a range of situations Ability to empathise and be positive with children and young people 		
Qualifications		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good numeracy and literacy skills; Level 2 qualification or equivalent 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare or supporting learning qualification at Level 2 (or equivalent) Previous practical experience of working in a Teaching assistant role Relevant admin and clerical experience Experience of writing reports Appropriate first aid training (<i>dependent on the schools needs</i>)
Other Requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced DBS Clearance Ability to work successfully in a team Willing to learn and develop new skills Confidentiality 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be committed to the school's policies and ethos • To be committed to Continuing Professional Development • 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 • Ability to use authority and maintaining discipline 	
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