

Inspire Partnership Academy Trust

Teaching Assistant (TA) Job Description & Person Specification

Role:	Teaching Assistant
Location:	Chattenden Primary School
Contract:	Term-Time Only + (inset days)
Salary	Grade D2 - Spine Point 4-11 (£25,185 to £28,142) NJC England and Wales FTE
Hours of Work	Monday - Friday - Part -Time 17 Hours Per Week
Reports to	Headteacher

Purpose of Job - Teaching Assistant

To support the class teacher in the teaching and welfare of the children to attain the targets set in their personal learning. There may be a requirement to work with children with statements or additional educational needs throughout the Key Stages.

Duties and Responsibilities

Main purpose

The TA will:

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning, and experience a sense of achievement

Duties and Responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Support the teaching of a broad and balanced curriculum aimed at pupils achieving their full potential in all areas of learning
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures

- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Supervise a class if the teacher is temporarily unavailable
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons

Working with staff, parents/carers and relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- Contribute to meetings with parents and carers by providing feedback on pupil progress, attainment and barriers to learning, as directed by teachers
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress, or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' wellbeing by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Attend INSET days or staff development meetings in accordance to contractual requirements or in mutually agreement
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Other areas of responsibility

Safeguarding

- Work in line with statutory safeguarding guidance (e.g. Keeping Children Safe in Education, Prevent) and our safeguarding and child protection policies
- Promote the safeguarding of all pupils in the school
- To ensure the physical welfare of children and to assist pupils with their physical needs as appropriate and agreed. This may include assisting with oral and personal hygiene including changing nappies/pads and facilitating incontinence programmes, feeding or assisting with feeding and supporting the pupil during break and lunch times as appropriate.

The TA will be required to follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note, this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the TA will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher or line manager.

Organisation

- Responsible to Headteacher
- The post holder is responsible to the class teacher on a daily basis
- The post holder has no direct supervisory responsibilities.

Safeguarding

The Inspire Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. The jobholder will be subject to an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and be expected to follow all safeguarding policies and procedures

This job description and allocation of responsibilities may be amended following discussion with the Associate Headteachers and should be reviewed annually.

Personal Specification

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QUALIFICATIONS	• Level 1 or 2 Diploma (or equivalent) with proficient practical skills.
EXPERIENCE	• Previous experience of working with children.
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	• Numeracy and literacy skills. • Basic IT skills. • Have the ability to relate well to children and adults, understanding their needs and being able to respond accordingly. • Good influencing skills to encourage pupils to interact with others and be socially responsible.

KNOWLEDGE	Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety, security, equal opportunities and confidentiality.