



Job Description for Teaching Assistant Level 2

Job Title: Teaching Assistant Level 2

Pay Grade: Grade D - (point 3 to 4) - £18,250 - £18,534

Weeks per Year: 38 (term time only)

Hours per week: 32.5 (Mon – Fri 8.30am – 3.30pm to include 0.5hrs lunch cover and 0.5hrs lunch break)

Responsible to: Class teacher and Deputy Head Teacher

Corby Old Village Primary School is committed to creating a diverse workforce. We will consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to sex, race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, age, disability, marriage or civil partnership.

Main purpose

The TA will:

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem, social inclusion and social, emotional mental health development
- 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 the 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
- Support the class teacher by using effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures to maintain good order and discipline
- 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
- Support teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and other out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group of children under supervision of the teacher
- Carry out playground duties in variable weather conditions
- Administer routine tests and undertake routine marking of pupils work, following school policies
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher, SENDCO and SLT

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
- Provide basic First Aid treatment to pupils when required

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
- Take part in staff training as required
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

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

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.

Person specification

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Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE or equivalent level, including at least a Grade 4 (previously Grade C) in English and Maths • First-aid qualification
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working in a school environment or other educational setting • Experience working with children / young people • Experience planning and delivering learning activities
Skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good literacy and numeracy skills • Good organisational skills • Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults • Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils • Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs • Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils • Excellent verbal communication skills • Active listening skills • The ability to remain calm in stressful situations • Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children • Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning • Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context
Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyment of working with children • Sensitivity and understanding, to help build strong, positive, professional relationships with pupils • A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils whilst promoting the ethos and values of the school • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding pupils' wellbeing and equality • Resilient, positive, forward looking and enthusiastic about making a difference • Capacity to inspire, motivate and challenge children and young people

Notes:

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.