



SENTA Person Specification



| | Essential | Desirable |
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| Skills | <p>Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to communicate effectively with pupils, staff, parents and professionals</p> <p>Strong organisational skills, including the ability to maintain accurate records, provision maps and documentation</p> <p>Ability to build positive, professional relationships with pupils to promote confidence, engagement and independence</p> <p>Ability to work effectively as part of a team and contribute to a consistent whole-school approach to inclusion</p> | <p>Strong ICT skills, including use of systems to track pupil progress and provision</p> |
| Knowledge | <p>Understanding of SEND, including the SEND Code of Practice</p> <p>Knowledge of strategies to support pupils with:</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p> <p>Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs</p> <p>Behavioural needs</p> | <p>Understanding of individual education planning (IEPs)</p> <p>Awareness of multi-agency working and external support services</p> |
| Experience | <p>Experience of supporting children with SEND</p> <p>Experience of working as part of a team</p> <p>Experience of promoting positive behaviour and inclusion</p> <p>Experience of delivering targeted interventions</p> | <p>Experience of maintaining records, reports or provision documentation</p> <p>Experience of working with external agencies or contributing to review meetings</p> |
| Qualifications | <p>GCSE (or equivalent) in English and Maths (grade A–C / 4 or above)</p> <p>Level 2 Teaching Assistant qualification (or equivalent)</p> | <p>Additional training or qualifications in SEND, behaviour or SEMH</p> <p>Paediatric First Aid or willingness to undertake</p> <p>Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification (or equivalent)</p> |
| Other | <p>Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children</p> <p>Calm, patient and resilient approach when working with pupils with additional needs</p> <p>Ability to maintain confidentiality and act professionally at all times</p> <p>Willingness to undertake training and continuous professional development</p> <p>Commitment to developing positive relationships with children, families and professionals</p> | <p>Willingness to contribute to wider school life and ethos</p> <p>Interest in developing specialist skills in SEND, such as Makaton</p> |

