



# **Biggleswade**Academy

## **Job Description**

**Job Title:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**Responsible To:** Classroom teacher/SENCO/Headteacher

**Responsible For:** Other teaching assistants

**Job Purpose:** To work as part of a professional team, covering periods of teacher absence and to support the work of teachers in raising standards of pupil achievement.

### **Main duties and responsibilities:**

#### **Support for Pupils**

1. To cover periods of teacher absence, by teaching the class from the cover provided and providing feedback to the teacher on pupil progress.
2. To help train pupils in the study skills necessary for learning by communicating clearly and effectively with them and through questioning, instructing, explaining and feedback. This will include the effective use of ICT to support pupils' learning.
3. To assist with the pastoral care of pupils, attending to their personal and social needs as necessary and building and maintaining successful relationships with them.
4. To promote and support the inclusion of all pupils in the learning activities in which they are involved.
5. Under agreed school procedures to assist with programmes of special care such as physiotherapy, hydrotherapy or speech therapy under the direction of the appropriate specialist.
6. To assist with the supervision of pupils on school visits, in liaison with the Educational Visits Coordinator.

#### **Support for Teachers**

1. Under the supervision of the class teacher, to undertake a range of teaching activities with individuals, groups of pupils and the whole class, where appropriate, using a range of techniques to present learning tasks and curriculum content in a clear and stimulating manner in order to maintain pupils' interest and motivation.
2. Under the supervision of the classroom teacher to plan, devise and extend appropriate educational activities. This will include contributing to the development of IEPs and Personal and Pastoral Support Plans and will require the understanding of aims, content, teaching strategies and intended outcomes of lessons. To support and work with teachers to identify and respond appropriately to individual differences between pupils so that demanding expectations may be set and to contribute to decisions about the most appropriate learning goals and strategies.
3. To assist the classroom teacher in evaluating pupils' progress through a range of monitoring and assessment activities, using the results of this monitoring to inform further support work, developing pupils' skills and learning and to give oral and written feedback on attainment and progress to both pupils and the teacher, as required.
4. To efficiently prepare, maintain and use appropriate classroom teaching materials and equipment, including organising the use of audio/visual and ICT equipment, bearing in mind the efficient usage of school resources.
5. To support expectations of pupil attitude and behaviour and assist in securing appropriate standards of discipline to create and maintain a purposeful, orderly, and supportive environment for pupils' learning.

### **Support for the Curriculum**

1. To maintain familiarity with the relevant requirements of the curriculum to assist with the effective teaching of basic skills and support work and to ensure that opportunities are taken to develop pupils' learning and skills.
2. To support the teaching of literacy, numeracy or other specific curriculum areas as directed.

### **Support for the School**

1. To work collaboratively with colleagues as part of a professional team, in particular the class teacher, the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and other teaching assistants; working at all times within school policies and procedures.
2. To support a team of teaching assistants, giving guidance, support and advice; contributing to induction training of newly appointed teaching assistants and

further training as appropriate, and assisting the Headteacher/ SENCO in co-ordinating the deployment of teaching assistants within the school.

3. To attend staff and management meetings as required and where appropriate act as spokesperson for teaching assistants.
4. To liaise as necessary with parents and carers and with outside agencies, offering support and advice as appropriate.
5. To maintain confidentiality at all times in respect of school-related matters and to prevent disclosure of confidential and sensitive information.
6. To undertake tasks of a similar nature and level, as directed by the Headteacher/Manager.