

HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications and experience	Previous experience of working with children	\checkmark	
	 Experience of planning and leading teaching and learning activities (under supervision) 	\checkmark	
	 Level 4 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 4 Diploma in Childcare and Education, or other relevant qualification in nursery work or childcare (or willingness to work towards a qualification if not already held) 	✓	
	 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English and maths 		✓
	Experience of working in a range of classes		✓

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Skills and knowledge	 Good literacy and numeracy skills 	\checkmark	
	Good organisational skills	\checkmark	
	Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults	\checkmark	
	 Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils 	\checkmark	
	 Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils 	\checkmark	
	 Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs 	\checkmark	
	 Knowledge of how statutory and non-statutory frameworks for the school curriculum relate to the age and ability ranges of the learners they support 		\checkmark
	The ability to remain calm in stressful situations	✓	
	Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children	\checkmark	
	Excellent verbal communication skills	\checkmark	

	 Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning 		\checkmark
	 Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context 	\checkmark	
	 Knowledge of how to support learners in accessing the curriculum in accordance with the SEND code of practice 		✓
	 Knowledge of how to successfully lead learning activities for a group or class of children 	\checkmark	
CRITERIA	QUALITIES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Personal qualities	 Enjoyment of working with children 	\checkmark	
	 Understanding of effective teaching methods 	\checkmark	
	Sensitivity and understanding, to help build good relationships with pupils	✓	
	 A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school 	✓	

 Commitment to safeguarding pupil's wellbeing and equality 	\checkmark	