



Employee Specification Form

Post Number	
Job Title	Teaching Assistant Level 2 - Thornton Hough Primary School
Department	Children & Young Peoples Department
Prepared by and date	Mr Lowe September 2025

Important - Study "Explanatory Notes" printed overleaf before completing form

Essential Personal Attributes	Stage Identified	Desirable Personal Attributes	Stage Identified
Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Assistant Level 2 qualification or equivalent Good numeracy/literacy/ICT skills 	Application/Interview Process		A
Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent relevant experience of working with children in a Primary School setting 	A/I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in delivering phonics Experience of delivering small group interventions Experience of working with children with additional needs Experience of working with children with Autism 	A/I
Knowledge and Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working knowledge of the KS1 and KS2 Primary Curriculum Ability to relate well to young children Ability to relate well to children with additional learning/emotional needs Ability to relate well to adults Ability to work as part of a team- showing initiative when required but also taking direction Excellent communication skills Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes/practices and awareness of relevant legislation Awareness of child protection legislation Awareness of confidentiality and data protection Knowledge and understanding of inclusion within the classroom 	A/I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive Behaviour Management skills An understanding of how to support and develop children's communication and interaction skills 	A/I
Special Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to the safeguarding of all pupils. Patient and calm Commitment towards a child-centred approach both in teaching and learning and actively promoting our whole school caring ethos Caring, professional, resilient with sense of humour 	A/I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	A

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These notes should be studied carefully before completing the form overleaf.

List the personal attributes required to fulfil the duties listed in the job description.

They must be:

- set at a level appropriate to the work to be done and *not* higher than necessary
- stated clearly and specifically
- entirely job related

Essential or Desirable

- Essential

Those requirements without which a candidate would be simply unable to do the job.

Any candidate who does not meet the essential requirements must be rejected.

Examples could be the possession of current driving licence or relevant qualification.

- Desirable

Those requirements which are desirable, but not essential.

A candidate should not be rejected for failing to meet any single desirable requirement.

Examples for certain jobs could be local government experience or knowledge of new technology.

Personal Attributes

- Qualifications

What qualifications, if any, should the postholder possess?

To what level

- Experience

What experience, if any, is relevant?

- Knowledge and Skills

Is there any knowledge (other than that covered by qualifications listed) or skills which are relevant? What should the postholder be able to do?

Do not list attributes which cannot be measured, eg “pleasant personality”, “flexible outlook”. Identify only what the postholder needs to do that requires him/her to be pleasant and flexible. Is it that the person needs to communicate effectively with callers (pleasant) or will need to work flexible hours (flexible).

Try to specify the levels of skills that are required, eg if numeracy is specified as a requirement, you should indicate the levels of skill, ie keeping records of petty cash or able to control and monitor substantial budgets.

- Special Requirements

Are there any conditions of service which differ from the norm and with which the postholder must comply? eg live-in requirements, flexible working hours, weekend working.

Stage Identified

Indicate at which stage in the selection process the personal attribute is to be identified, eg application form, interview, tests, references, etc