Issue 01/10

Job Description

Details of Post

- Title: Teaching Assistant (Level 2)
- School/Federation/Academy/Trust:
- Reporting to:
- Main Workplace:
- Post Number:
- Grade and SCP: Grade 5 (SCP 7)

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

All support staff posts are subject to the Asylum and Immigration requirements

Purpose of Post

Work under the guidance of the teaching staff and nominated teaching assistants to support access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom, including support for individual Education Health Care Plans (EHCP's). This will include the preparation and routine maintenance of resources / equipment. Work with pupils will be carried out in or out of the classroom.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

1. Support for pupils

- Attend to pupils' personal needs and assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education / Behaviour / Support / Mentoring Plans and Personal Care Programmes.
- Supervise and support pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning.
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage in learning activities.
- Set challenging and demanding expectations for pupils and promote self–esteem and independence.
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of the teacher.

2. Support for the teacher

- Assist with the planning of learning activities.
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.
- Prepare the classroom as directed for lessons and clear afterwards. Assist with the display of pupil's work.

- Ensure the timely and accurate design, preparation, and use of specialist equipment / resources / materials.
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement / progress as directed.
- Establish constructive relationships with parents / carers.
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupil's achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Maintain records as requested.
- Administer routine tests, invigilate exams, and undertake routine marking of pupils' work, accurately recording achievement / progress.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Provide general clerical / administrative support e.g. administer coursework, produce worksheets for agreed activities, photocopying, typing, filing etc.

3. Support for the curriculum

- Support pupils in understanding instructions.
- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities / teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years etc. as directed by the teachers.
- Support pupils in using ICT and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- Prepare, maintain, and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activities, and assist pupils in their use.
- Monitor and manage stock and supplies, cataloguing as required.

4. Support for the school

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure that pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos / work / aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes.
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils, as appropriate, on visits, trips, and out of school activities, and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of a teacher.

5. Other Responsibilities

- Be aware of and comply with all school policies and procedures
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.

6. Safeguarding

- Be aware of and comply with safeguarding responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures. This may include reference to Shropshire Career Pathway Safeguarding JD for school staff.

7. Data Protection and other statutory responsibilities

- Be aware of and comply with data protection responsibilities as outlined in the school's Staff Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures. This may include reference to in the Shropshire Career Pathway Data Protection JD for school staff.

8. Other Duties

- Any other duties that the Headteacher, EHT/ CEO/ Governing Body/ Trustees feel is commensurate with the post. Whilst every effort is made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

9. Review and Signatures

- This job description is subject to review by the Headteacher/EHT/ CEO/ Governing Body/ Trustees in negotiation with the post holder at any time. However, an annual review of this job description and allocation of responsibilities will take place as part of agreed performance management arrangements.