



Learning Support Assistant (Specialist)
One year fixed term contract
Part-time: 32.5 hours per week
Term-time only plus one week (40 weeks)
Grade B. Full time Equivalent Salary: £18,562 to £18,877 p.a.
Actual Salary: £14,304 to £14,546 p.a.
Start Date: September 2021

We are seeking a Learning Support Assistant to join a specialist team working with an individual child who is also supported by external agencies.

This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic individual who is committed to ensuring that students are supported to enjoy learning and to achieve in line with National expectations.

A key element of this role will be the use of specialist skills to enable the student to access the curriculum. The successful candidates will therefore be ICT competent, have experience of working with assistive technology, or be willing to broaden their ICT knowledge to include Augmentative and Assistive Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology. All training for this post will be provided.

Good communication and interpersonal skills are essential, as there will be a need to clarify and explain instructions clearly and build effective relationships.

Another aspect of the role will be to assist with the physical needs of the student including personal care and manual handling.

Relevant experience in a teaching, learning or child support working environment is desirable but not essential.

GCSE Grade C (or equivalent) in English and mathematics is essential.

We are a growing 11 – 16 comprehensive school, the first in the UK to achieve the Unicef Rights Respecting School Level 2 status and the base for one of the largest resourced provision for Physically Disabled students in Hampshire. Graded 'good' across all standards by Ofsted, we pride ourselves in being highly inclusive and student focused. We are very proud of our pupils and their achievements.

If you would like to have an informal discussion, or visit the school prior to application, please contact our SENCo, Mrs K Howell, 023 9236 4374 or email recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk.

An Application Pack can be downloaded from our website at www.portchester.hants.sch.uk under the 'About Us' menu, or email: recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk

Please email your completed application to recruitment@portchester.hants.sch.uk or send to Portchester Community School, White Hart Lane, Portchester, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 9BD, marked for the attention of Mrs Y Boxall, Personnel Services Leader. Please return the equalities monitoring form in line with the details shown on the form.

Applications will be considered on receipt and suitable candidates invited for interview. We reserve the right to withdraw the advertisement early if the vacancy is filled before the closing date.

Closing Date: Noon on Tuesday 6 April 2021.

Portchester Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 because it is a post which involves working directly with children or young people.

Portchester Community School, White Hart Lane, Portchester, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 9BD.