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## **Teaching Assistant Job Description**

Post Held: Teaching Assistant

Responsible to: SENDCO and Head Teacher

Liaises with: Class teacher and SENDCO

Main purpose of job:

- To undertake work/care/support programmes to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.
- To support children who need adapted learning through resourcing and removing barriers to them grasping key concepts.
- To work under the instruction/guidance of senior/teaching staff to support the delivery of quality learning and teaching and to help raise standards of achievement for all pupils, particularly those with additional needs. This might involve working with children on a 1:1 basis or in a small group setting.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Support for pupils*

- To develop a knowledge of a range of learning support needs and an understanding of the specific needs of the pupils to be supported;
- To supervise and provide particular support for pupils, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities;
- Taking into account the learning support involved, to aid the pupils to learn as effectively as possible both in group situations and on his/her own by, for example:
  - clarifying and explaining instructions;
  - ensuring the child is able to use equipment and materials provided;
  - assisting in weaker areas;
  - helping children to concentrate on and finish work set;
  - meeting physical needs as required whilst encouraging independence;
  - assisting with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes;
  - developing appropriate resources to support the children;

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- providing support for individual children inside and outside the classroom to enable them to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- To establish a constructive relationship with the pupils and interact with them according to individual needs;
- To promote the inclusion and acceptance of all children;
- To set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence;
- To provide the necessary pastoral care to enable children to feel secure and happy;
- To provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of the teacher.
- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- The role may involve intimate care such as assisting children with toileting.

### *Support for teachers*

- Assist the class teacher in the development and planning of a suitable programme of support for pupils;
- Monitor pupil's responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement as directed;
- Provide detailed and regular feedback about the children to the teacher;
- Contribute to the maintenance of children's progress records;
- Participate in the evaluation of the support programme;
- Promote good behaviour, dealing promptly with conflicts and incidents in line with established policy, and encourage children to take responsibility for their own behaviour;
- Administer routine tests and undertake routine marking of children's work;
- Support class teachers in photocopying and other tasks in order to support teaching.

### *Support for the school*

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- Be aware of and comply with the 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 all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop;
- Contribute to the overall ethos and Christian values of the school;
- Appreciate and support the roles of other professionals;
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required;
- Liaise, advise and consult with other members of the team supporting the children as appropriate;
- Contribute to reviews of children's progress as appropriate;
- Set a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance;
- Prepare and present displays of children's work as required;
- Undertake other duties from time to time as required by the Headteacher.

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