

Job Description and Person Specification – SEN Learning Support Assistant

Job title: SEN Learning Support Assistant (LSA)

Salary: Grade 3 SCP 5-6

Hours: 8.45am – 3.15pm

Contract type: fixed term until July 2027

Reporting to: Headteacher

Job Purpose

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement
- To be responsible for the supervision and welfare of pupils during the playtime and lunchtime break

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Organise and manage teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning

Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with

- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Lunchtime responsibilities

- Supervise and ensure the welfare of the children during the lunchtime break both inside and outside the building, overseeing the children indoors as directed in wet weather.
- Prepare the hall for midday lunch, and to clean and tidy the hall at the end of midday lunch so that it is prepared for afternoon lessons.
- Monitor the behaviour of the children at all times, in conjunction with the school's policy on behaviour, and communicate any incidents to class teachers.
- Organise and teach the children to play games co-operatively and use the playground equipment appropriately

Whole-school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

Health and safety

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents

Professional development

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity
- Keep up to date with emails and any correspondences regarding the school

The SEN LSA will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the SEN LSA will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher or line manager.

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the postholder.

Last review date: _____

Next review date: _____

Headteacher/line manager's signature: _____

Date: _____

Person Specification

Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and Experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with children in EYFS and KS1 • Experience of working with children with SEND needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 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)
Skills and Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good literacy and numeracy skills • Good organisational skills • Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults • Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils • Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs • Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils • Excellent verbal communication skills • Active listening skills • The ability to remain calm in stressful situations • Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children • Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning • Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of phonics scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds • Knowledge of White Rose Maths scheme
Personal Qualities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyment of working with children • 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 maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding pupils' wellbeing and equality 	