



Teaching Assistant

Job Description

Job Title:	Teaching Assistant (TA)
Grade:	6
Responsible To:	Class Teacher / Phase Leaders/ Business Manager
Key Relationships/ Liaison with:	Teachers, Other classroom support staff, SENCo
Job Purpose:	A TA will work under the direction and supervision of a teacher to assist with teaching and learning and associated activities in accordance with school policies and procedures. This may include: assisting with planning, delivery and evaluation of learning activities; supporting in whole classes; and working with individuals and small groups of pupils.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To assist with the planning, delivery and evaluation of whole class learning activities, including identifying how the pupils can best be supported.
2. To work under the supervision of a teacher to plan, deliver and evaluate learning activities for small groups or individual pupils, providing feedback on pupil engagement and their achievement of the desired learning objectives.
3. To help prepare, monitor and maintain a safe and secure learning environment in line with the teacher's lesson plans.
4. To promote the development of pupil's self-reliance, self-esteem and emotional resilience.
5. To promote, observe and report on pupil performance and development, using assessment strategies to improve learning.
6. To support the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of pupils, facilitating children and young people's learning and development.
7. To promote the development of positive relationships and acceptable behaviour in accordance with school policy.
8. To develop positive relationships with colleagues, providing consistent and effective support and working constructively as a member of the school staff team.
9. To support pupils to improve their numeracy and literacy skills through focussed learning activities and more generally across the curriculum.
10. To prepare and utilise ICT resources to support pupils learning.
11. To prepare and support the use of learning materials, monitor and maintain curriculum resources, and create visual displays in order to ensure a relevant physical learning environment.
12. To provide care and encouragement to children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs, supporting them to participate in activities and liaising, if required, with parents / carers / other professionals as appropriate.
13. To provide support for bilingual / multilingual pupils if required.
14. To assist with the maintenance of pupil record keeping systems, including recording agreed updates to individual records.
15. To communicate as appropriate with parents and carers about the care and education of their children, as directed by the school.
16. To assist volunteers based in your work area, as appropriate.
17. To encourage participation in structured and unstructured learning activities, including play (timetabled and during breaks if required). (Primary and Special Schools)
18. To contribute to assessing and developing plans to meet the personal support needs of children and young people with additional requirements, and assist in the implementation and evaluation of the plans.
19. To escort and supervise pupils on educational visits and out of school activities, ensuring their health, safety and well-being.
20. To undertake supervision duties at break time.
21. To provide First Aid needs such as basic blood testing as required (diabetics)*
22. To provide toileting support to pupils as necessary.*
23. To support, as appropriate, in instances where pupils are unwell whilst at the school.*

* these duties are to be undertaken after appropriate risk assessment and training have been undertaken.

SPECIAL FACTORS:

Subject to the duration of the need, the special conditions given below apply :

1. The postholder may be required to attend, from time to time, training courses, conferences, seminars or other meetings as required by his/her own training needs and the needs of the school.
2. Expenses will be paid in accordance with the Local Conditions of Service.
3. This post is subject to a check being carried out at an Enhanced level by the Criminal Records Bureau regarding any previous criminal record.

This job description sets out the duties and responsibilities of the post at the time when it was drawn up. Such duties and responsibilities may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

Battling Brook Primary seeks to promote the employment of disabled people and will make any adjustments considered reasonable to the above duties under the terms of the Equality Act 2010 to accommodate a suitable disabled candidate.

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	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
<p><u>Qualifications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ 3 in Supporting Teaching and Learning, or equivalent <p>OR</p> <p>Able to demonstrate the ability to meet the STL Level 3 National Occupational Standards relevant to this post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 qualifications in maths/numeracy and English/literacy <p>OR</p> <p>Able to demonstrate competency in literacy and numeracy equivalent to level 2.</p>	✓		App/Doc
<p><u>Experience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of supporting teaching and learning in a formal setting 	✓		App/Int/ Ref
<p><u>Knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of child protection and health and safety procedures. 	✓		App/Int/ Ref
<p><u>Skills/Attributes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability and willingness to undertake professional development. Good interpersonal skills. Empathy with children and young people. Ability to work effectively as part of a team. 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓		App/Int Int/Ref Int/Ref Int/Ref
<p><u>General Circumstances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance - evidence of regular attendance at work. An understanding of, and commitment to, Equal Opportunities, and the ability to apply this to strategic work and day-to-day situations. 	✓ ✓		App/Ref/ Med App/Int
<p><u>Factors not already covered</u></p> <p>Must be able to perform all duties and tasks with reasonable adjustment, where appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010</p>	✓		Med

App = Application Form
Test = Test

Int = Interview

Pre = Presentation

Med = Medical Questionnaire

Doc = Documentary Evidence (E.g., Certificates)