

Job Description

Job Title: Teaching Assistant -
Personal Care

Location: Hethersett Academy

Closing date: 12pm on 29th June 2022

Job title	Teaching Assistant - Personal Care
Salary Scale	Band D
Hours of Work	37 hours per week
Weeks Worked	Term Time + 1
Responsible to	SEND Manager
Location	Hethersett Academy

Main purpose of the role

To work under the instruction/guidance of teaching/senior staff.

To work within the overall ethos of the Academy.

To undertake care and learning programmes and activities to support individuals or groups of pupils, including more specialised support for those with special education needs.

To enable access to learning for pupils and assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.

Organisational relationships

Reporting to the SEND Manager.

Liaison with Trust staff, external specialists and stakeholders, parents, carers, visitors and volunteers.

Principal accountabilities and responsibilities

Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed and provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems, etc. ● Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses, including undertaking literacy and numeracy programmes. ● Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour. ● Employ good classroom management skills including de-escalation techniques. ● Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and accompanying teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher. ● Working with pupils on a one to one and group basis to ensure all have the ability to fulfil their potential. ● Liaise effectively with the DSL to ensure that pupil safeguarding needs are addressed as required.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Undertake training to be able to deliver specific interventions as directed
Personal Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide personal care where required which may involve assistance with; Contenance requirements; Health and Medication requirements; Manual Handling; Handling personal possessions ● To provide assistance at break and lunchtimes with eating and meals ● To support with physio and exercise requirements as per care plan ● Ensure students are supported to maintain personal hygiene and appearance ● Ensure students are treated with respect at all times in line with the Academy's Policies ● Provision of specialised care to students with specific needs ● To promote effective communication and relationships with students and staff ● Undertake training to be able to deliver specific support as directed
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use, including supporting the use of ICT learning activities and developing pupils' competence in its use. ● Support pupils during routine tests and external examinations as required ● Plan and prepare resources to support small group activities. ● To maintain records (e.g. care plans and personal care logs) where necessary, ensuring these are wholly accurate, up-to-date and completed in a timely manner (Liaising with Occupational Therapist and other health professionals as required) ● Liaise with relevant academy staff regarding health care plans ● To attend any meetings in order to contribute to the effectiveness of support delivery. ● Maintain regular communication with parents and carers. ● To be based in the Inclusion Unit which incorporates the Pastoral Room, Inclusion Room and SEND. ● To follow a timetable as dictated by the SENDCO and school leaders.
Safeguarding and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● Follow safeguarding recording and reporting requirements. ● To make referrals to appropriate colleagues regarding pastoral support and the needs of students.
Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required and participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Undertake other similar activities that may fall within the grade and scope of the post as directed by the Principal.

Performance Management

Participating in the Trust's arrangements for performance management, professional development and the Trust's arrangements for quality assurance and internal verification.

Context

All staff are part of the whole Trust team. Each individual is required to support the values and ethos of the Trust and Trust priorities as defined in the Trust Improvement Plan. This will mean focusing on the needs of colleagues, parents and students and being flexible in a demanding environment.

Miscellaneous

To undertake any further tasks which could be reasonably expected by the Trust.

The Data Protection Act 2018 renders an individual liable for prosecution in the event of an unauthorised disclosure of information. The post is one that carries responsibility for the wellbeing and welfare of children and the post holder should be aware of this and the need to act accordingly.

The Trust will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the work environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

It is a requirement of the post holder to make positive efforts to maintain their personal safety and that of others by taking reasonable care, carrying out requirements of the law and following recognised codes of practice.

The post holder is also required to be aware of and comply with policies on health and safety.

This is an Equal Opportunities post and is in accordance with the Trust's Equality and Diversity Policy.

The Inspiration Trust is committed to protecting the welfare of children and young people. Due to the nature of this role, it will be necessary for the appropriate level of DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) to be undertaken. It is essential you disclose whether you have any pending charges, convictions, bind-overs or cautions and if so, for which offences. This post will be exempt from the provisions of Section 4, (2), of the Rehabilitation of Offenders 1974 (exemptions) (Amendments) Order 1986. Therefore, you are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are "spent" under the provisions of the Act. Any failure to disclose such convictions will result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the Trust.

Person Specification	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good numeracy/literacy skills • First Aid training in specific medical procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVQ 2 or equivalent in teaching assistance or equivalent experience • Thinking Reading Training or equivalent • Completion of DfES Teacher Assistant Induction Programme or equivalent experience • Training in the literacy/numeracy strategy
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with or caring for children of relevant age 	
Skills, Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to use ICT effectively to support learning • Ability to use a range of relevant technology • Ability to evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities • Ability to relate well to children and adults • Knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice and awareness of legislation • Basic understanding of child development and learning • Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General understanding of National Curriculum and other basic learning programmes

This job description can be altered, with the agreement of the post holder and will be reviewed on an annual basis. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks, but sets out the main expectations of the Trust in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.

Signature

Date

Name