

JOB DESCRIPTION



JOB TITLE: General Teaching Assistant

GRADE: Grade CD (point 3-4)

RESPONSIBLE TO: Headteacher

JOB PURPOSE: To work with teachers to support teaching and learning by working with individuals or small groups of pupils under the direction of teaching staff, and may be responsible for some learning activities within the overall teaching plan. May work in the classroom or appropriate location within the school, with access to support and guidance as required.

ACCOUNTABILITIES / MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES	
Support Learning & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support pre planned learning/behaviour activities as directed by the teacher• Using agreed structured observation as directed by the class teacher to feedback on learning, behaviour, participation and achievement, to support the planning and evaluation of the learning process in respect of groups and individual students• Interact with pupils in ways that support the development of their ability to think and learn, including the use of careful questioning• Assist teachers in the implementation of appropriate behaviour management and teaching & learning strategies• Support pupils in their social and emotional wellbeing, in implementing related programmes, including social, health and physical needs• Assist in escorting and supervising pupils on educational visits and out of school activities• Undertake break supervision as required
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the general direction of the teacher participate in establishing and maintaining effective relationships with pupils, parents/carers and with other agencies/professionals• Communicate effectively with all pupils, families, carers and other agencies / professionals
Systems & information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware that different types of information exist (for example, confidential information, personal data and sensitive personal data), and appreciate the implications of those differences.• Share information confidentially about pupils with teachers and other professional as required• Pay due regard to professional boundaries, maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality• Participate in staff meetings
Administration/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare classroom materials and learning areas, and undertake minor clerical duties e.g. photocopying and displaying pupils work• Support the use of ICT and adhere to relevant policies• Supervise and provide access arrangements for pupils sitting internal and external examinations and tests as required,

	<p>ensuring that examinations comply with the Examination Board Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in appraisal, training and other learning activities
Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children/Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out tasks associated with pupils' personal hygiene, (including personal intimate care) and welfare, including physical and medical needs, whilst encouraging independence • responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils in line with policy and legislation, raising concerns as appropriate • This STAR MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and young people. We have a robust Child Protection Policy and all staff will receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment at the School. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of and implement your health and safety responsibilities as an employee and where appropriate any additional specialist or managerial health and safety responsibilities as defined in the Health and Safety policy and procedure. • To work with colleagues and others to maintain health, safety and welfare within the working environment.
Data Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know about data protection issues in the context of your role. • To comply with the STAR MAT's policies and supporting documentation in relation to Information Governance this includes Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality
Equalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within own area of responsibility work in accordance with the aims of the Equality policy, treating people with respect for their diversity, culture and values • The STAR MAT is committed to equality and to making fair and equitable treatment an integral part of everything we do. The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to a successful DBS check and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before an appointment is confirmed.
Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The STAR MAT requires a commitment to equity of access and outcomes, this will include due regard to equality, diversity, dignity, respect and human rights and working with others to keep vulnerable people safe from abuse and mistreatment • The STAR MAT requires that staff offer the best level of service to their stakeholders and behave in a way that gives them confidence. Stakeholders will be treated as individuals, with respect for their diversity, culture and values

This job description is not your contract of employment, or any part of it. It has been prepared only for the purpose of school organisation and may change either as your contract changes or as the organisation of the school is changed. Whilst this job outline provides a summary of the post, it is not a comprehensive list or description and the job will evolve to meet changing circumstances. Such changes would be commensurate with the grading and conditions of service of the post and would be subject to discussion and consultation. All staff are required to comply with the school's policies, procedures and ethos.

Elements of the Job Description may be re-negotiated at the request of either party and with the agreement of both. The post holder may, in addition, be asked to carry out other reasonable duties within the MAT, (which could involve working at other schools), as may be required for the benefit of the school and the students' education and well-being.

In relation to Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality, all staff are required to comply with the school's policies and supporting documentation in respect of these issues.

PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR
General Teaching Assistant

Essential upon appointment	Desirable on appointment
Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness of child/young person's development and learning • An understanding that children/young people have differing needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good understanding of child development and learning processes • Knowledge of Behaviour management techniques • Knowledge of Child Protection and Health & Safety policies and procedures • Knowledge of inclusive practice
Experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience appropriate to working with children across Key Stages 1 and 2 	
Qualifications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant NVQ level 3 • Appropriate first aid training
Occupational Skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good written and verbal communication skills: able to communicate effectively and clearly and build relationships with a range of staff, children, young people, their families and carers • Good reading, writing and numeracy skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic ICT Skills
Personal Qualities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrable interpersonal skills. • Ability to work successfully in a team. • Confidentiality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility 	
Other Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced DBS Clearance • Through their role and work to positively promote the distinctive Christian ethos and practice of the school • To be committed to Continuing Professional Development • Motivation to work with children and young people • Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people • Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes • Ability to use authority and maintain discipline • An empathy for equality & diversity • The ability to converse at ease with stakeholders and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post 	