**JOB DESCRIPTION: TEACHING ASSISTANT**

**Job title: Teaching Assistant**

**Location: St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**

**Responsible to: Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team**

**Salary grade:**

**Hours:**

Support Pupils;

• Providing support for pupils including those with special needs ensuring their safety and access to learning.

• Assisting with the implementation of IEPs, behaviour plans, personal and medical care plans and programmes.

• In consultation with the teaching staff and using guidelines provided by specialist support services, assist in the implementation of special programmes.

• Acting as a role model for pupils, establishing productive working relationships.

• Along with other members of staff, help to resolve difficulties between pupils amicably and with regard to school policies.

• Promoting the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.

• Supporting pupils consistently, during structured and unstructured activities while recognising and responding to their individual needs.

• Encouraging pupils to become increasingly independent.

• Providing feedback to pupils in relation to their progress and achievement.

• Help to develop self-esteem of pupils. Employ strategies agreed by school to raise self-esteem, such as rewards system and praise.

• Provide support for multilingual/bilingual pupils by helping pupils to access the curriculum and support development of English language.

Support teachers;

• Working with the teacher to establish and maintain an appropriate learning environment.

• Assisting with displays of children’s work.

• Using strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to help pupils achieve learning goals.

• Providing objective feedback as required on pupil achievement and progress.

• Recording pupil progress as agreed with the teacher.

• Having knowledge of the school’s policies.

• Working with individuals and groups on learning tasks.

• Marking pupils’ work as agreed with the teacher.

• Promoting positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour in line with established policy.

• Establishing positive relationships with parents/carers.

• Administering routine tests as agreed with the teacher.

• Preparing resources and materials.

• Assisting in setting out learning materials appropriate to the planned activities.

• Confirming type and quantity of materials with teacher. Providing general administrative support e.g. photocopying worksheets

 Support the School;

• Being aware of, and complying with, school policies and procedures.

• Promote and implement school policies on pupil behaviour.

• Contributing to the overall ethos of the school.

• Supporting the aims of inclusion; ensuring that all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.

• Attending relevant meetings as required.

• Participating in training and professional development as required.

• Accompanying teaching staff and pupils on out of school activities as required.

Safeguarding:

• Safeguarding is everybody’s responsibility.  You must know the school procedure for recording and reporting concerns and support other colleagues to do so. You must attend yearly safeguarding updates & training and full ‘basic awareness’ training every 2 years.  You must have read, understand and comply with the school’s safeguarding procedures including whistleblowing.

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up.  The post holder may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the school as may be reasonable expected, without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed.  This is a common occurrence and would not justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

**Person Specification for TA role**

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|  | **ESSENTIAL** | | **DESIRABLE** | |
| Qualifications and Experience  (Career Development) |  | Experience of working within schools |  | Understanding of school processes – safeguarding, health & safety, manual handling  Commitment to CPD |
| Professional knowledge and understanding |  | Good understanding of the EYFS curriculum including assessment processes  Understanding of the SEN Code of Practice and provision.  Able to provide stimulating and engaging experiences for children  Effective record keeping  Ability to demonstrate an understanding of how children learn  Ability to use ICT effectively to enhance teaching and learning |  | An enthusiasm for out of classroom learning.  Knowledge and understanding of how to promote cultural diversity  Good knowledge and understanding of the teaching of synthetic phonics |
| Professional skills & qualities |  | An ability to form good relationships with others  *Communication skills:*  The ability to present and communicate effectively both orally and in writing  *Self-management skills:*  Reflective practitioner with high expectations  Ability to prioritise  Ability to work well under pressure  Demonstrates high levels of motivation, enthusiasm and commitment  ‘Can do’ attitude  Creativity  *Effective interpersonal skills:*  Ability to work collaboratively within a dedicated educational team  Adaptable to change –flexible  Stamina and resilience including good attendance record  Confidence |  |  |
| Key personal qualities and characteristics |  | Willingness to support the Catholic ethos of the school  Readiness to contribute to the wider life of the school  Good sense of humour |  | Personal Faith  Ability to contribute actively to the faith life of the school |