

# Learning Support Assistant - Job Description

To work under the instruction and guidance of teaching and other senior staff to undertake academic and pastoral support, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area.

## **SUPPORT FOR PUPILS**

- Ensure all pupils are supported to challenge their own attainment expectations
- Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- Promote pupils' self-esteem and independence
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher

## **SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS**

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment in accordance with Behaviour Policy
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
- Assist with the planning of learning activities
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
- Establish constructive relationships with parents/carers
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work
- Provide clerical/admin. support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administer coursework etc. if directed

## **SUPPORT FOR THE CURRICULUM**

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. English, Maths, Primary Matters
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use

## **SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL**

- 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
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop

- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime
- Accompany 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

<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with or caring for children of relevant age</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good maths and English skills</li> <li>• NVQ 2 or 3 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualifications or experience</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some experience of supporting children with a variety of special and/or additional needs</li> <li>• Effective use of ICT to support learning</li> <li>• Use of other equipment technology – video, photocopier</li> <li>• Understanding of relevant basis for statutory policies/codes of practice and awareness of relevant legislation</li> <li>• General understanding of national/foundation stage curriculum and other learning programmes/strategies</li> <li>• Basic understanding of child development and learning</li> <li>• Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities</li> <li>• Ability to relate well to children and adults</li> <li>• Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these</li> </ul>