

King David Primary

Job Description: Teaching Assistant

Responsible to: SENCO / Headteacher

Job Purpose

- The postholder will be responsible for supporting children with their learning, including those with special educational needs under the direction and guidance of class teachers and the SENCO and to provide for the social, educational and welfare needs within the school.

Duties:

- To support and uphold the school's vision and values
- To help children of all abilities, including a child with special educational needs to learn as effectively and independently as possible, both individually and in small groups
- To run a range of interventions to support a child with SEN and small groups
- To prepare materials and resources to support individuals, small groups and classroom activities
- To support children's emotional development and resilience when approaching learning tasks
- To support children's behaviour in line with the school's vision, values and positive behaviour policy
- To assist with children at the beginning and end of the day and in the playground as required
- To have an awareness of and adherence to all school safeguarding procedures and participate in training as appropriate
- To ensure the health and safety of the children and to report any concerns or details of accidents/incidents as necessary to the Headteacher
- To assist in the general care of the learning environment by keeping curriculum resources in classrooms and around the school, tidy and in good order
- To implement and promote the school's equal opportunities policies at all times and to value diversity

To support the teachers including the following:

- To report back to class teachers and the SENCO on the progress of children in literacy and maths, keeping written records as necessary
- To liaise with parents/carers and foster good links between home and school under the guidance of class teachers and the SENCO
- To support class teachers with educational visits including taking responsibility for the care, welfare and learning of individuals and small groups of children.
- To implement strategies, programmes of work and resources as laid out in Individual Provision Plans under the guidance of the SENCO and class teachers
- To assist with the planning, coordination and assessment of a child's Individual Provision Plan taking into account the recommendations and guidelines set out in the child's Statement of Special Education needs / Educational Health and Care Plan
- To make ongoing notes and assessments of children's progress and contribute to statutory meetings such as Annual Reviews

General

- To attend relevant in-service and external training as and when required
- To attend and contribute to all school meetings as directed by the Headteacher
- To develop activities to promote social interactions between pupils during break times
- To carry out any other reasonable tasks in keeping with the post as specified by the Headteacher

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications and Training

Experience

- Experience of working with children under the age of 11 in an educational setting
- Experience of supporting children with a range of special educational needs
- Experience of communicating with a wide range of people from different backgrounds
- Experience of record keeping

Knowledge, and Understanding

- Understanding of the educational welfare and social needs of children
- Working knowledge of implementing Individual Education Plans
- Basic knowledge of ICT to effectively support the pupils (or willingness to train)
- Understanding of the issues around safeguarding and behaviour in a school setting
- A knowledge of some of the emotional, behavioural and social difficulties that may create barriers to learning

Skills and abilities

- An ability to develop positive relationships with children, valuing their diversity, in order to enhance their learning and social development
- The ability to develop an understanding of the educational, welfare and social needs of pupils
- Proven written and oral communication skills
- Numeracy and literacy skills to effectively support the pupils
- The ability to form and maintain good working relationships with teachers, pupils and parents and be able to work in a team
- The ability to work with a range of professionals from external agencies
- The ability to remain calm in challenging situations and to ask for help when needed

Commitment

- A commitment to uphold the school's vision, values and staff code of conduct
- A commitment to equal opportunities and assisting the school in raising achievement for all its pupils.
- A commitment to becoming familiar with and applying whole school policies, procedures and standards and be willing to implement them in a consistent manner
- A commitment to attend in-service and external training courses and to develop and update knowledge and skills as required