

HESTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION: SEN TEACHING ASSISTANT

Post Title	SEN Teaching Assistant
Overall responsibility:	Supporting and Teaching SEN Students
Reporting to:	SEN Manager
Liaising with:	Inclusion Staff, Teachers, Parents and Carers
Disclosure Level:	Enhanced
Salary/Grade:	Scale 5

Key tasks and accountabilities will include the following:

- Working under the direction/guidance of the class teacher/SENCO/SEN Manager, to supervise and provide support for students with SEN to enable them to learn as effectively as possible on their own and in-group situations, taking into account their specialist needs.
- To support the students in the development of basic skills, e.g. (i) language, reading, writing, spelling and mathematics, (ii) encouragement of concentration and social skills (iii) supporting their access to the curriculum through clarification and reinforcement of the subject matter.
- To assist with the development of the students basic ICT skills and support the use of ICT in learning activities.
- To prepare suitable work for the students under the guidance of the teacher, and to make or adapt resources (e.g. worksheets or sight cards) to enable the students to access the learning activity at their appropriate level of understanding.
- To liaise closely with the class teacher and any external professional as appropriate to support the implementation of any intervention and therapy programmes
- To monitor the students progress and report on any achievements or developments.
- Helping students with all aspects of daily living depending on the level of support required by each individual – personal care, monitoring conditions and possibly helping with medication, feeding requirements. [This is a mainstream school but in the future, we may have students who need support becoming independent in washing and dressing.
- To establish a good relationship with parents/carers and to provide information and feedback where appropriate and agreed under the guidance of the teacher.
- To provide support for the students emotional and social needs by encouraging and modelling positive behaviour in line with the School's Behaviour policy and demonstrating high expectations of work and behaviour.
- To 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.
- To accompany the students on School visits, trips and out of School activities as required.
- To attend relevant meetings and participate in training opportunities and performance development as required.
- To undertake any other broadly similar duties.

Heston Community School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate must be able to satisfy an enhanced clearance by the Disclosure and Barring Services [DBS].

This Job Profile is current at the date shown but, in consultation with you, may be changed by your Line Manager or Headteacher, to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the salary and job title. This Job Profile should be read in conjunction with the generic Job Description.

Heston Community School is committed to working in wider partnership which will promote wellbeing outcomes for young people.

Context:

All staff are part of a whole school team. They are required to support the values and ethos of the School and School priorities as defined in the School Development Plan.

This will mean focusing on the needs of colleagues, parents/carers and students and being flexible in a busy and pressurised environment.

Because of the nature of this job, it will be necessary for the appropriate level of criminal record disclosure to be undertaken. Therefore, it is essential in making your application 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, applicants are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provision of the Act, and, in the event of the employment being taken up, any failure to disclose such convictions will result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the School. The fact that a pending charge, conviction, bind-over or caution has been recorded against you will not necessarily debar you from consideration for this appointment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

		Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications and Experience				
1	Evidence of general education certification at GCSE level or the equivalent, with at least a grade C in English and Mathematics	✓		A
2	Experience of differentiating learning activities	✓		A, R, I
3	Experience of supporting students with SEND in the classroom to advance learning and development	✓		A
4	Experience of working with secondary age students, preferably in a school environment		✓	A
5	Experience of supporting SEND students with personal care - including washing, dressing and toileting		✓	A,R, I
6	Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding practice	✓		R, I
7	Ability to interpret and work within Government, LA and other statutory guidelines		✓	A, I
Skills				
8	An ability to work as part of a team	✓		A, I
9	An ability to communicate effectively with teachers, students and members of the community	✓		A, I
10	The ability to establish positive and constructive relationships with colleagues and students	✓		R, I
11	The ability to be flexible, to work hard and to take pride in performing well	✓		R, I
12	The ability to respond sensitively to the needs of a named student	✓		R, I
13	Good organisational, time-management and interpersonal skills	✓		A, R, I
14	The ability to use ICT with students and in preparation of resources	✓		A, R, I
Personal Attributes and Behaviours				
15	A commitment to and an enthusiasm for the post	✓		R, I
16	Adaptability and a professional approach to the responsibilities of the post	✓		R, I
17	A desire to help young people gain confidence and achieve their potential	✓		R, I
18	A commitment to equality of opportunity	✓		R, I
19	An eagerness to gain experience, expertise and professional development through this position	✓		A, R, I
20	An interest in a community ethos	✓		A, R, I
21	Willingness to contribute to the work and development of the Learning Development Curriculum Area	✓		R, I