



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Teaching Assistant
Responsible to:	Assistant SENDCO / SENDCO
Responsible for:	None
Grade/Pay Range:	Scale 3, point 5 to 6
Hours:	31.25 hours per week x 45.6 weeks per annum

Job Purpose

To work under the instruction / guidance of teaching / senior staff to undertake work / care / support programmes, 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.

Main Responsibilities

Support for Pupils:

- 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
- Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher
- Act as a key worker for certain pupils

Support for the Teacher:

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work

- 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 accurately record achievement/progress as directed
- Provide detailed and regular 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 general clerical / admin support e.g. administer coursework, produce worksheets for agreed activities etc

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. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
- 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

Other requirements:

- To attend and participate in staff meetings.
- To participate in training and performance management as required.

The above-mentioned duties are neither exclusive or exhaustive and the post holder may be required to carry out other duties as required by the service.

School Vision and Ethos – Encourage, Challenge, Succeed

For Heathcote School staff in general:

1. To play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive vision and ethos and to lead staff and students in doing the same
2. To actively support the school's school improvement priorities
3. To adhere to relevant staff policies and the staff professional code of conduct as developed collectively by staff
4. To comply with the school's Health and Safety Policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate
5. Always to perform duties in all elements of the role in a professional manner and with integrity, mindful of confidentiality as appropriate.
6. Checking emails on a daily basis to keep up to date with issues communicated within the school.
7. To provide cover for any member of the administration team in accordance with school priorities
8. To participate in appraisal reviews, in line with school policy.
9. To manage both internal and external relationships, striving for excellence in stakeholder satisfaction and to adhere to a high challenge, low threat philosophy.
10. To work effectively and successfully in your team within school. To participate in continuing professional development opportunities as identified through appraisal and ensuring ability to fulfil role effectively.
11. A great deal of the information and work dealt with is, of necessity, confidential, and it is important that none of this information is disclosed to any unauthorised person, and that is dealt with discreetly and with integrity.
12. To be alert to issues of safeguarding child protection ensuring that the welfare and safety of children attending the School is promoted and safeguarded and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Safeguarding Lead using safeguarding policies procedures and practice.
13. To adhere to the Whistleblowing Policy

All staff are expected to behave in accordance with the school values and a culture of high challenge and low threat.

We show respect by:

- Listening to what others have to say
- Thinking about our body language and demeanour
- Praising in public and challenging in private
- Working within an ethos of high challenge and low threat

We show responsibility by:

- Being proactive
- Keeping to deadlines
- Being consistent
- Being on time
- Doing our jobs to the best of our ability
- Offering help and support to others when needed
- Always being ambitious and solution-focused

We show integrity by:

- Owning up to mistakes

- Being open, reflective and honest
- Having a culture of no blame
- Doing the right thing even though it may be difficult
- Treating everyone equally