



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title: Learning Support Assistant

Reports to: Headteacher

Trust Ethos and Mission statement

Excellence through cultivating character, sharing talents and pursuing excellence.

All members of the team employed by the Academies for Character and Excellence support and promote the Trusts mission and vision and promotes character education which is a values led approach. Our Trust values and ethos enable us to fulfil our mission of transformation through making a positive difference to ourselves, others and the world around us

Purpose of the Job

To work alongside the class teacher to support an SEN child across all areas of the curriculum, also 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 may regularly take place outside the main teaching area.

Major Responsibilities

To work under instruction/guidance to enable access to learning by:

- To be responsible for the welfare and personal care of pupils with special educational needs
- Responsible for working with individual pupils, groups and at times would be required to provide cover for a class under direction of the teacher
- Delivering pre-determined learning/care/support programmes
- Implementing literacy/numeracy programmes
- Assisting with the planning cycle
- Undertaking general clerical/administrative support for the teacher/department

Duties

Support the teacher by:

- Creating and maintaining a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans
- Assisting with the display of pupils work
- Using strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
- Assisting with the planning of learning activities on a regular basis
- Monitoring pupils responses to learning activities and accurately recording achievement/progress as directed
- Providing detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Promoting good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour

- Establishing constructive relationships with parents/carers and where appropriate participating in feedback sessions with parents alongside the teacher
- Administering routine tests, invigilating exams and undertaking routine marking of pupils work
- Providing clerical/administrative support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administration of course work etc.

Support the pupils by:

- Supervising and providing particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assisting with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care Programmes
- Establishing constructive relationships with pupils and interacting with them according to individual needs
- Promoting the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encouraging pupils to interact with others and to engage in activities led by the teacher
- Setting challenging and demanding expectations and promoting self-esteem and independence
- Providing feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of the teacher

Support the curriculum by:

- Undertaking structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes and adjusting activities according to pupil responses
- Undertaking programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, early years, recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
- Supporting the use of ICT in learning activities and developing pupils competence and independence in its use
- Preparing, maintaining and using equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assisting pupils in their use

Support the school by:

- Being aware of and complying with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, and reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- Being aware of and supporting difference and ensuring all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Contributing to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Appreciating and supporting the role of other professionals
- Attending relevant meetings as required
- Participating in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- Assisting with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes as required
- Accompanying teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and taking responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher

Whole school commitment

- To demonstrate a commitment to the full life of the school and to work with all members of the team to ensure the success of the whole school and the Trust
- To be supportive of the school's and Trusts extra-curricular activities
- To take an active part in the school and Trusts involvement with the wider community
- To ensure the children's safety at all times