

Job Description and Person Specification

The purpose of the Job Description and Person Specification is to provide information about the role and the skills a successful candidate must have.

Note for recruiting managers: If you are recruiting for an existing post, reuse the Job Description and Person Specification that already exists for the job.

Job details

Job title: Higher Level Teaching Assistant – Supporting and Delivering Learning Level 4
Specialism: Hydrotherapy and Physical Education (PE) related activities

Directorate: Ickburgh School

Reporting to: Headteacher

Grade: SO2

Job description

Purpose of the post:

- To complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities under an agreed system of supervision. This may involve planning, preparing and delivering learning activities for individuals/groups or short term for whole classes.
- To monitor pupils and assess, record and report on pupil's achievement, progress and development, in Hydrotherapy and Physical Education/Therapy related activities such as Rebound therapy, mobility or aquatic exercises.
- To be responsible for the management and development of a specialist area, Hydrotherapy and Physical Education, within the school and/or management of other teaching assistants, including allocation and monitoring of work, appraisal and training.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Support for Pupils:

- Assess, manage and deliver pastoral and learning support.
 - Work with pupils, understanding how to motivate and encourage them to achieve and develop.
 - Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement. Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning.
 - Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
 - Work with the Senior Leadership Team and other teachers to develop and implement Individual Learning Programmes, preparation for learning activities and behaviour intervention plans.
 - Understand the individual needs of children and be responsible for advising them on social, health and hygiene development.
 - Deal with minor incidents and the health and hygiene of the children and where necessary, escort them home.
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- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the teaching areas.
- Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities.
- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
- Establish and develop productive working relationships with pupils acting as a role model and be aware of, and respond appropriately to individual needs.
- Organise and manage appropriate learning environment and resources, following Health and Safety procedures.
- Plan challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate, within an agreed system of supervision.
- Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through a range of assessment and monitoring strategies against pre-determined learning objectives.
- Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence.
- Record progress and achievements in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of a range and level of progress and attainment.
- Work within an established discipline policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self control and independence.
- Support the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute to/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress/achievement etc.
- Administer and assess/mark tests.
- Establish and maintain constructive relationships with parents/carers by:
 - supporting their role in pupils learning
 - providing constructive feedback on pupil's progress and achievements
 - facilitating support for their child's attendance
 - support home to school/community links
- Take a lead role in planning, development and organisation of systems/procedures/policies.
- Support in facilitating preparation to learn strategies. Be proactive in managing behaviour, promote self control, independence and integration.
- Provide other administrative support including dealing with photocopying, correspondence, compilation/analysis/reporting on attendance and pupil premium activities in Hydrotherapy and PE activities. Making phone calls and liaising with relevant bodies for example, feeder schools.
- Work within an agreed system of supervision with small groups of children and to take responsibility for their learning.
- Work in partnership to support the school induction programme. This may include contributing to parents evening as appropriate.
- Accompany teachers and classes on educational visits.

- Work with the class teacher in dealing with finished work and preparing displays and filing work.
- Work with small groups of children and to take responsibility for their learning.

Support for the Curriculum:

- Be responsible for the management of stock levels and for the maintenance/quality/safety of specialist Hydrotherapy and PE related equipment.
- Deliver learning activities to pupils within agreed system of supervision, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs.
- Deliver local and national learning strategies e.g. PE, hydrotherapy, swimming for different key stages, and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills.
- Liaise with the physiotherapy team to effectively to support and deliver learning activities in PE and Hydrotherapy/swimming sessions.
- Select and prepare resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests, language and cultural backgrounds.
- Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment. Actively investigate courses and activities outside of the school.
- Advise, demonstrate and assist in the safe and effective use of specialist equipment/materials, including use of ICT, hoists, swimming aids, and trampolines.
- Actively investigate courses for the benefit of continuing professional development for staff and broadening experience for pupils e.g. swimming at Britannia Leisure Centre, Outdoor pursuits, Climbing at Mile End

Support for the School:

- Comply with and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person.
- Maintain up to date health and safety, swimming, Rebound therapy and PE qualifications to safely monitor and deliver teaching and learning in PE related activities and hydrotherapy/swimming.
- Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils.
- Take the initiative as appropriate to develop appropriate multi-agency approaches to support pupils.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of specialist expertise and use these to lead, advise and support others.
- Deliver and, or support out of school learning activities within guidelines established by

the school.

- Contribute to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class.
- Work co-operatively with other members of staff, attending half-termly meetings with the Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher.
- Carry out simple routine maintenance and checks of equipment needed for the pupils, within agreed competence guidelines.

Line Management:

- Manage other teaching assistants.
- Liaise between managers/teaching staff and teaching assistants.
- Hold regular team meetings with managed staff.
- Represent teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings.
- Undertake recruitment/induction/appraisal/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants

This is a description of the main duties and responsibilities of the post at the date of production. The duties may change over time as requirements and circumstances change. The person in the post may also have to carry out other duties as may be necessary from time to time.

General requirements:

- Take part in the school's performance management system.
 - Strong commitment to training, particularly in gaining swimming, first aid and health and safety qualifications to undertake the role.
 - Attend governing body meetings when requested.
 - Enhanced DBS Check, and under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations you will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether you are disqualified under these regulations.
 - Strong commitment to furthering equalities in both service delivery and employment practice.
 - Strong commitment to promoting the school's vision and ethos, and Prevent policy.
 - Promote and safeguard the welfare of children, young and vulnerable people that you are responsible for or come into contact with.
 - Good working knowledge of health and safety in the pool area and in PE related activities.
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Person Specification

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	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
1. Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant status or equivalent qualification.		✓
2. Excellent numeracy/literacy skills – equivalent to NVQ Level 2 in English and Maths.	✓	
3. Minimum of Level 2 swimming / ASA Level 2 in teaching swimming		✓
4. First Aid Qualification		✓
5. Health and Safety Qualifications		✓
6. PE or Aquatic related coaching awards		✓
Experience		
7. Working with or caring for children of relevant age in a learning environment.	✓	
Knowledge		
8. Training in relevant learning strategies e.g. Literacy, Physical education and swimming.	✓	
9. Specialist skills/training in curriculum or learning area e.g. bi-lingual, sign language, ICT.	✓	
10. Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation.		✓
11. Working knowledge and experience of implementing national/foundation stage curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies.		✓
12. Good understanding of child development and learning processes.	✓	
13. Understanding of the statutory frameworks relating to teaching.		✓
Skills		
14. Can use ICT effectively to support learning.	✓	
15. Ability to organise, lead and motivate a team.	✓	
16. Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others.	✓	
17. Ability to relate well to children and adults.	✓	

18. Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and own position within these.	✓	
19. Display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.	✓	
20. Ability to organise, lead and motivate a team.	✓	
21. Ability to listen, empathise and be a sensitive mediator and advocate on behalf of mentored pupils.	✓	
22. Ability to swim 50m unaided, in less than a minute.	✓	
23. Willingness and aptitude to complete the ASA level 1 Award in Teaching Swimming, within 20 months.	✓	
24. Willingness and aptitude to complete the ASA level 2 Award in Teaching Swimming.		✓
25. Willingness or aptitude to complete the Rebound Therapy Course and Related PE qualifications.		✓
26. Be an innovative, patient, resilient, positive and reflective practitioner, contributing to the schools vision and values.	✓	