

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Gateway)		
Location	Pilton Community College, The Harbour Schools Partnership		
Reporting to (job title)	Gateway Lead		
Grade	E	JE Job No.	V0719

POST DETAILS

PURPOSE OF JOB

Under an agreed system of supervision; to take a lead role within the school to support a specialist provision within Pilton Community College called 'The Gateway'. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting pupils in small group ratios within this provision, planning learning and coordinating the delivery of teaching episodes. Taking a leading role in shaping education for the pupils who are part of the Gateway.

They will be the lead HLTA within the Gateway, responsible for the management and development of the Gateway specialist provision. They will support the Gateway lead and Gateway teachers to provide an adapted curriculum for pupils accessing the Gateway specialist provision pathway.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

See guidance notes 3.2, TA Model Grading Scheme, (available from Senior People Partner, Trust People Team.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To work under an agreed system of supervision/management to deliver learning and management, focusing on:

- Leading the planning and delivery of lesson episodes for Gateway pupils
- Supporting the resourcing and running of small group numeracy and phonics episodes and other interventions
- Contributing to the Gateway Outdoor Learning curriculum through small group farm sessions

- Contributing to the Gateway vision
- Pastoral support
- Mentoring and counselling within the Gateway

DUTIES

Support the Gateway lead by:

- Organising and managing an appropriate learning environment and resources for Gateway
- Within an agreed system of supervision, planning challenging teaching and learning objectives and evaluating and adjusting lessons/work plans as appropriate
- Monitoring and evaluating pupil responses to learning activities through a range of assessment and monitoring strategies against pre-determined learning objectives
- Providing objective and accurate feedback and reports as required on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
- Recording progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of range and level of progress and attainment.
- Working within an established discipline policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self-control and independence
- Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contributing to/leading meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress/achievement etc.
- Administering and assessing/marking tests and invigilating exams/tests
- Producing lesson plans, worksheets, plans etc.

Supporting pupils by:

- Assessing the needs of pupils and using detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning
- Establishing productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations for behaviour and learning
- Developing and implementing pupil passports and EHCPs
- Promoting the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom
- Supporting pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs
- Encouraging pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engaging all pupils in activities
- Promoting independence and employing strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance
- Providing feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement

Support the curriculum by:

- Delivering learning activities to pupils within agreed systems of supervision, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs
- Delivering local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS1 & KS2 curriculum, and making effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills

- Supporting class trips and outdoor learning to allow for practical 'real-life' learning experiences within the specialist curriculum
- Using ICT effectively to support learning activities develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Selecting and preparing resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests and language and cultural backgrounds
- Advising on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment

Support the school by:

- Complying with assisting the development of 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
- Establishing constructive relationships and communicating with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils
- Taking the initiative as appropriate to develop appropriate multi-agency approaches to supporting pupils
- Recognising own strengths and areas of expertise and using these to lead, advise and support others
- Delivering out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school
- Contributing to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class

TO UNDERTAKE LINE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHERE APPROPRIATE BY:

- Managing other teaching assistants
- Liaising between managers/teaching staff and teaching assistants
- Holding regular team meetings with managed staff
- Representing teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings
- Undertaking recruitment/induction/appraisal/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants

PERSON SPECIFICATION

TITLE: Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Gateway)
SCHOOL: Pilton Community College/THSP
LINE MANAGER: Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator/
 Gateway lead
GRADE: E

Category	Requirements	Essential/ Desirable	Method of Assessment 1
Education/ Training	Meet Higher Level Teaching Assistant standards or equivalent qualifications or experience	Essential	A
	Numeracy/literacy skills (at least equivalent to Level 2 of the National Qualifications Framework)	Essential	A
	Requirement to participate in training/development as/when identified by line manager as essential for performance of the post	Essential	A, I
	Willingness to participate in other development and training opportunities	Essential	A, I
	Completion of TA Induction Programme, or (if not completed) a requirement to do so, ideally within first 6 months of appointment	Essential	A
	Training in relevant learning strategies e.g. literacy	Essential	A, I
	Specialist skills/training in curriculum or learning area e.g. bi-lingual, sign language, ICT, etc		

Experience	Proven experience of working with children with SEN in a learning environment	Essential	A, I
	Experience, under appropriate supervision, of planning, preparing and delivering effective learning programmes	Essential	A, I
	Experience of using ICT and other technology to support learning	Desirable	A, I
	Experience of supervising the work of individuals or teams	Desirable	A, I
	Experience of the primary curriculum	Desirable	A, I
Knowledge	Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation	Essential	A, I
	Good working knowledge and understanding of child development and learning processes, and in particular, barriers to learning	Essential	A, I
	Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching.		

Skills/Abilities	Ability to effectively use ICT and other technology to support learning	Essential	A, I
	Ability to organise, lead and motivate a team	Essential	A, I
	Ability to constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others	Essential	A, I
	Ability to relate well to children and adults, including other professionals/carers	Essential	A, I
	Ability to demonstrate and promote good practice in line with the ethos of the school/organisation	Essential	A, I
	To work constructively as part of a team, to understand classroom roles and responsibilities and own position within these	Essential	A, I

¹ Key for Method of Assessment
A – Application I – Interview