**(KS2) Learning Support Assistant**

**Closing date: Tuesday 25 February 2025**

**KS2 – LSA Hours 31.25 hours (working day 08:30 – 15:15) actual salary £17,631**

**LSA - Grade C**

**Term Time only**

Situated in the Alver Valley area of Gosport, within close proximity to the beach and country park, is The Federation of Alver Valley Infant & Nursery and Alver Valley Junior Schools, a place where children are inspired, curious and motivated to learn. We pride ourselves on developing creative, critical thinkers in a highly inclusive environment, where memorable experiences are woven through our curriculum. Our school-wide ethos of respect, independence and resilience is firmly established, enabling our pupils to take responsibility for their own learning behaviours, and to be the best they can be.

We are seeking to appoint an excellent Learning Support Assistant to work in a KS2 classroom, providing either 1:1 support or group support. The role will involve a mixture of class-based support, supporting the needs of individual children, and leading learning interventions. We are looking for a practitioner who is reflective and will relish the opportunity to train and be involved with excellent practice across the schools, using up to the minute research to build an outstanding team of LSAs. They will have a passion for learning and a good understanding of how to support the development of the child as an independent and confident individual.

The successful candidate will need:

 **Essential**

* English and Maths GCSE grade C+
* Have a calm and positive attitude
* Have a working knowledge of the curriculum and the ability to break down activities into small step teaching
* Provide modelling and scaffolding to support the child’s interactions and learning whilst striving for pupils’ independence
* Work with the class teacher on individually planned targets and provide ongoing assessments for learning
* Recent experience working in schools or with young people
* Have high expectations of self and pupils
* Able to ensure a safe and healthy place of learning for the children
* An enthused and organised approach to work
* Be fully committed to the ethos of the school
* Have strong positive behaviour management skills
* Be a team player with excellent interpersonal skills

**Desirable**

* Have an understanding or expertise about pupils with SEND and the barriers to learning that some children may have and strategies that could be used to support children to overcome these.
* Experience of delivering a range of interventions and completing assessments
* A specialism in Phonics

**Alver Valley Schools is proud to offer:**

* An outstanding learning environment with extensive outdoor learning areas
* The opportunity to work in a team of dedicated education professionals
* A friendly and supportive working environment with a clear induction programme
* An exciting, positive ethos where we celebrate success at all levels
* An enthusiastic, engaging group of children who love to learn and be challenged
* A strong SENCO team recognised across the county with a lead and deputy SENCO focused on in-class provision and strategic development
* A school with strong pastoral provision for all pupils including 6 strands and Thrive approach
* Outstanding and bespoke CPD opportunities allowing individuals the desire to grow professionally within a positive and supportive team

Alver Valley Schools is a Forest School with our own woodland on site. Children in Nursery and Year R have regular Forest School sessions. We also run a Forest School after school club.

The school was successful in implementing the nationally acclaimed Education Endowment Fund’s MITA project and are committed to outstanding and bespoke CPD opportunities, allowing individuals the desire to grow professionally within a positive and supportive team. A number of our LSAs have gone on to develop their training on the SCITT programme to realise their dream of becoming a teacher.

Application Procedure

If you would like to apply for this role, please complete the application form which can be found at the bottom of this page and send to Dana, our HR & Finance Officer by email: d.james@alvervalleyschools.co.uk.

For more information about our school, check out our website and social media pages

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t: www.twitter.com/alvervalleysch