Learning Support Assistant



Professional Qualifications and Experience	
Essential	Desirable
GCSE Maths and English level 4 (grade C)	Experience of working as an LSA
or above	 Level 2/Level 3 in Supporting Teaching &
	Learning in Schools or equivalent
Teaching and Learning	
Essential	Desirable
• Some experience of working with children.	More than a years' experience of working in
• Working unsupervised to assist the teacher	a teaching/learning/child support working
to create an appropriate learning	environment in KS1 or KS2.
environment	Working knowledge of national curriculum,
Good communication skills with colleagues	particularly literacy and numeracy
Good organisation and time management	requirements, and other relevant learning
skills and ability to work under pressure	programmes/strategies.
• Firm, sensitive approach and the skill to	 Ability to take on responsibility for larger
sustain and promote pupil's self-worth and	groups or a whole class under the overall
positive behaviour	direction and during the temporary absence
Can use basic ICT effectively to support	of the teacher
learning	
Skills and Attributes	
Essential	Desirable
To have a high regard for children and	Take initiative and follow through from
support the school's child protection policies	concept to practice, to have ideas.
and procedures to ensure all children's	
safeguarding	
 To be positive, hardworking and show 	
initiative and energy	
A loyal, flexible team member, who is a	
good listener and an effective	
communicator	
Well-developed interpersonal skills and	
sense of humour enabling effective	
relationships with a variety of different	
people	
Professionally discrete and able to respect	
confidentiality on particular issues	
School Specific Needs	
Essential	Desirable
To receive and act on advice and feedback	
Ability to support individuals with their	
learning task in a way that fosters	
independence	
• To recognise what helps a pupil to access	
their work and to ensure they have the right	
resources to achieve	
To know how to monitor and observe a	
pupil and feedback to the class teacher on	
the pupil's learning.	
To follow the instructions of the class	
teacher in order to perform tasks such as	
running intervention groups and performing	
assessment and screening tasks.	

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Personal characteristics	
Essential	Desirable
 To maintain confidentiality on all school matters. Maintain own personal presentation that sets high standards for the pupils. A caring, positive attitude towards pupil's welfare. Be positive, patient, resilient and resourceful. To work well within a team and be prepared to be flexible and hard-working. Proven time management and organisational skills. 	 Committed to furthering their career and seeing this as an opportunity to become a teacher Committed to furthering their understanding of neurodiversity in students and the Thrive approach to learning.