



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Teaching Assistant

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young children • Experience of working with children with SEN • Understanding of the stages of child development • Willingness to support all pupils, in any Key Stage across the school • Have high standards of education for all pupils • Basic IT skills • Have a commitment to personal and professional development • Good communication skills - both verbal and written • The ability to work in a team • Able to carry out manual handling programmes under the guidance of the therapists • Knowledge of the benefits of play in learning • Support the pupils in the swimming pool • Knowledge of behaviour support strategies • Able to support pupils with challenging behaviour following restrictive physical intervention if required • Knowledge of safeguarding • Ability to work with individual pupils, small groups and the whole class • Use of initiative • Ability to work under direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with pupils with SLD, PMLD and/or ASC • Experience of working in a special school • Experience of supporting pupils displaying challenging behaviour • Being able to drive the school minibus • Experience of recording learning • First Aid Training • Experience of medical interventions such as gastrostomy tubes • Knowledge of epilepsy • Willingness to attend residential visits • Good IT skills with experience of alternative communication systems