

Person Specification – Support Assistant Level 2

Part A: Application Stage

The following criteria (experience, skills and qualifications) will be used to short-list at the application stage:

Essential

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| 1 | Experience of supporting children in a learning environment |
| 2 | Knowledge of national/foundation stage curriculum |
| 3 | Experience of classroom organisation |
| 4 | Experience of administrative and clerical duties in a school or office environment |
| 5 | Working towards Level 2 Basic Skills (Literacy and Numeracy) or equivalent competency |

Desirable

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| 6 | First Aid Training | |
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Part B: Assessment Stage

Items 1, 2, and 3 of the application stage criteria and the criteria below will be further explored at the assessment stage:

Essential

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| 1 | Experience of using ICT to support pupils in the classroom |
| 2 | Able to use language and other communication skills that children can understand and relate to. |
| 3 | Able to empathise with the needs of children and in particular able to establish positive relationships with pupils. |
| 4 | Able to consistently and effectively implement agreed behaviour management strategies. |
| 5 | Able to provide levels of individual attention, reassurance and help with learning tasks as appropriate to pupils' needs |
| 6 | Able to work within and apply all relevant school policies and schemes of work |
| 7 | Able to supervise groups of pupils. |
| 8 | Able to carry out and report on systematic observations of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills. |
| 9 | Able to undertake routine invigilation and marking |
| 10 | Able to work effectively as part of a team |
| 11 | Committed to achieving further professional development |
| 12 | Appropriate behaviour and attitude towards safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ motivation to work with children and young people ▪ ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people ▪ emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours ▪ attitude to use of authority and maintaining discipline. |

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| | ▪ able to work in partnership with other agencies |
| 13 | No disclosure about criminal convictions or safeguarding concern that makes applicant unsuitable for this post. |

Desirable

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| 14 | Knowledge of SEN Code of Practice |
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The following methods of assessment will be used:

| Method | | Method | |
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| Interview | Yes | Presentation | No |
| Task | Yes | Structured discussion with pupils | Yes |

Part C: Additional Requirements

The following criteria must be judged as satisfactory when pre-employment checks are completed:

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| 1 | Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service |
| 2 | Additional criminal record checks if applicant has lived outside the UK |
| 3 | Barred List check |
| 4 | Medical clearance |
| 5 | Two references from current and previous employers (or education establishment if applicant not in employment) |