



## Apprentice Teaching Assistant - JOB DESCRIPTION

**Reporting To: SEND Manager**

**TEAL Associate Staff Pay Scale, Point 3**

### **Job Purpose:**

To actively support our core purpose, remembering that “We are here to make great schools and happier, stronger communities so that people have better lives.”

To work as a teaching assistant under the instruction and guidance of teaching / senior staff, whilst training towards completion of the Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Standard. Working mainly in the classroom with a teacher, to support access to learning for SEND pupils and those with other barriers to learning, providing general and specific assistance to the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.

The specific duties will be reviewed on a regular basis and will change as the aims and objectives of the School change or as and when the Headteacher deems it appropriate. Initial areas of responsibility will include:

### **Key Responsibilities: Specific**

- Develop an understanding of the specific needs (educational, emotional, behavioural, or physical) of the pupil(s) to be supported taking into account the type of support involved.
- Provide support for individual students or groups of students inside and outside the classroom to enable them to full participate in activities.
- Liaise with the class teacher and SEND Manager in relation to the use of support plans for pupils.
- Assist pupils getting changed for PE or swimming.
- Provide feedback about the pupils to the class teacher.
- Contribute to the review of pupil’s progress either verbally or in writing or through attendance at review meetings.
- Assist in the maintenance and development of the departmental resources.
- Attend staff meetings and teacher training days as appropriate.
- Assist with the lunch and break time supervision of pupils.
- Work towards completion of the Teaching Assistant Level 3 apprenticeship standard.

### **Key Responsibilities: General**

The post holder will be required to act on their own initiative or on the authority delegated from their line manager or a member of the School/TEAL SLT.

The post holder will be expected to work within TEAL and the schools’ policies and procedures and uphold the organisation’s values and vision.

The job description is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities but details the major requirements of the post. It may be amended at a future time, to take account of the developing needs of TEAL. The post holder will undertake any other duties appropriate to the remit.

TEAL is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974 and other associated legislation places responsibility for Health and Safety on all employees, therefore it is expected that everyone takes reasonable care for their own health and safety and the health and safety of others.

The above duties may involve having access to information of a confidential nature, which may be covered by General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018, and by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. Confidentiality must always be maintained and employees must work with and process personal and sensitive information in accordance with Data Protection Act 2018 including the GDPR. Employees must protect the safety and security of information (e.g. using strong passwords, reporting breaches, and ensuring information is stored and disposed of securely).

**The key competencies and behaviours commensurate with this post are identified overleaf.**



## Ethical Behaviours Charter

Competency	We do this by
<b>Trust</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being reliable, consistent, credible, honest, humble, courageous and kind.</li> <li>• Managing emotions and helping others to do the same.</li> <li>• Keeping promises and doing what we say we will</li> <li>• Having genuine compassion for others</li> </ul>
<b>Wisdom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing knowledge and expertise, then sharing that knowledge</li> <li>• Learning from mistakes and failures and admitting when we are wrong</li> <li>• Seeing systems and processes as ways to fulfil our purpose, removing or changing them if they fail in that.</li> </ul>
<b>Kindness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being patient, respectful, generous and forgiving.</li> <li>• Acting with compassion and care, listening and seeing the person behind the role</li> <li>• Focusing on relational practice; building trust and rapport with others by empowering and elevating them.</li> </ul>
<b>Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing what is right, rather than what is popular or easy</li> <li>• Ensuring we live our sense of purpose and values in the way we behave, make decisions and communicate.</li> <li>• Applying rules in a consistent, transparent and fair way, whilst allowing for discretion and common sense.</li> <li>• Valuing difference, building diverse teams and encouraging others to behave responsibly and with moral purpose.</li> </ul>
<b>Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting ourselves in the service of others.</li> <li>• Reducing stress and anxiety in the organisation by modelling calm and considerate behaviour</li> <li>• Behaving in a dutiful way, demonstrating humility and self-control.</li> <li>• Removing barriers to enable others to do their jobs well</li> </ul>
<b>Courage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding ourselves to account when something goes wrong.</li> <li>• Remaining calm, optimistic and positive in the face of adversity and change.</li> <li>• Speaking honestly, openly and with empathy</li> </ul>
<b>Optimism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believing in our own ability, and the ability of others, to do what is right to change the world for the better.</li> <li>• Calling out negativity, cynicism and dishonesty.</li> <li>• Remaining positive and encouraging, helping others to overcome challenges and celebrating their success.</li> </ul>
<b>Vision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anticipating the future and embracing it. Thinking strategically, analysing and assessing information to deliver organisational growth.</li> <li>• Reading, researching, networking and sharing learning with others.</li> <li>• Believing in the potential of others; helping them be the best they can be.</li> </ul>