Category	Essential	Desirable
Application	 Fully completed application form Supportive reference/s Suitability to work with children 	
Qualifications	Grade C / Grade 5 GCSE English and Maths	 Grade C / Grade 5GCSE (or equivalent) in 3 other subjects, including Science ideally. Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools / Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning (or a similar qualification) SEND qualifications
Experience	Experience of / interest in working with children/young people	 Experience of working in a school (or similar) environment Experience of working within the caring professions
Professional Development	Evidence of recent training	Willingness to undertake relevant training
Skills	 Ability to keep appropriate records Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, in a variety of situations Good organisation/ability to prioritise 	
Special Knowledge	 Use of ICT in supporting all aspects of school and professional life (Basic knowledge of Word, Outlook etc.) 	 Awareness of the National Curriculum / GCSE (or equivalent) Understanding of the needs and demands of young people
Personal Attributes	 Ability to demonstrate enthusiasm and sensitivity whilst working with others Caring attitude towards students and parents Copes well under pressure and uses humour to good effect An understanding of the need to respect confidentiality at all times 	 Flexibility and adaptability in order to be able to mix and work with a wide range of people Evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with staff and students