

LSA Job Description

Job Title	Learning Support Assistant			
Grade	Level 4 (pt 6-7)			
Reports to	Class teacher, Inclusion Leader, Headteacher			
Liaison with	Teaching staff, Support staff, Headteacher, pupils.			
Job Purpose	To work in partnership with class teachers to assist pupils with individual learning needs and to support their learning in line with the national curriculum, codes of practice and school policies and procedures.			
Principal	Working with identified individuals 1:1 or within small groups of children			
Accountabilities	under the direction of teaching staff.			
	Implement planned learning activities/teaching programmes as agreed with the teacher adjusting activities according to pupils' responses as appropriate.			
Duties	 Interact with, and support pupils, according to individual needs and skills 			
	 Implement planned learning activities/teaching programmes as agreed with the teacher, adjusting activities according to pupils' responses as appropriate 			
	Establish positive relationships with pupils supported			
	 Provide feedback to pupils in relation to attainment and progress 			
	under the guidance of the teacher			
	 Support pupils with activities which support literacy and numeracy skills 			
	 Support the use of IT in the classroom and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use 			
	To attend to pupils' personal needs including help with social, welfare, care and health matters			
	 Attend to physical needs of pupils e.g. toileting, personal hygiene and attending to changing of soiled or damaged clothing. 			
	 Promote positive pupil behaviour in line with school policies and help keep pupils on task 			
	 Participate in planning and evaluation of learning activities with the teacher, writing reports and records as required 			
	Assist with the development and implementation of ISPs and EHC Plans where appropriate			
	 Observe, question, assess, monitor and record pupil progress, responses and learning achievements, identifying any problems which cannot be resolved easily to the attention of the teacher 			
	 Assist the teacher and other staff in the implementation of care programmes 			

	 To support learning by selecting appropriate resources/methods to facilitate agreed learning activities To assist with the preparation, maintenance of materials and resources Liaise with staff and other relevant professionals and provide information about pupils as appropriate To assist with the display and presentation of pupils' work To supervise pupils for limited and specified periods including breaktimes when the postholder should facilitate games and activities To assist with escorting pupils on educational visits To assist pupils during activities e.g. swimming, PE
General	 To understand and apply school policies in relation to health, safety and welfare Attend relevant training and take responsibility for own development Attend relevant school meetings as required To respect confidentiality at all times To participate in the performance and development review process, taking personal responsibility for identification of learning, development and training opportunities in discussion with line manager. To comply with individual responsibilities, in accordance with the role, for health & safety in the workplace Ensure that all duties and services provided are in accordance with the School's Equal Opportunities Policy The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. The duties above are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the postholder may be required by the Headteacher to carry out appropriate duties within the context of the job, skills and grade.

LSA Personal Specification

Knowledge/Experience	D- desirable	
	E- essential	
Knowledge of child development	D	Application form – references – interview
Basic knowledge of primary curriculum requirements and their implementation in a classroom.	E	Application form – references – interview
Experience of working within a school setting	E	Application form – references – interview
An awareness of health and safety and hygiene	E	Application form – references - interview
A knowledge of ASC	E	Application form - interview
Successful and recent experience of working with children with individual and complex needs: ASC, Sensory needs, Communication & Language needs	D	Application form- references - interview
Experience of the supporting individual learning targets and supporting with the review process, planning activities to meet these	E	Application form – references-interview
Experience of differentiating learning to ensure that personalised outcomes are met	E	Application form - interview
Qualifications		
Literacy and Numeracy (GCSE Level C+ or equivalent)	Е	Application form
Specialist training /qualification in particular/specialised special needs area - ASC	Е	Application form - interview
Skills		
Experience working with young children with SEND	Е	Application form – references
Physical fitness appropriate to the tasks in the job description	E	Application form – references - interview
Ability to follow instructions and communicate effectively with all members of the school community including parents	Е	Application form – references
Be able to observe, question, assess and record each child's progress, with the support of the class teacher	E	Application form – references - interview

Patience and an ability to work towards deadlines even under pressure	Е	Application form – references
An ability to respond calmly to emergencies.	Е	Application form – references
Personal Qualities		
Effective time management	Е	Application form – references
Motivate, inspire and have high expectations of pupils	E	Application form – references
Ability to adapt quickly and effectively to changing circumstances/situations	Е	Application form – references
Be able to display total confidentiality, honesty, integrity and reliability	E	Application form – references - interview
Ability to use initiative to deal with challenges that the job can present	Е	Application form – references - interview
A willingness to be helpful and support staff and school in practical ways	E	Application form – references
Work effectively as part of a team and contribute to group thinking, planning etc.	E	Application form – references
Demonstrate excellent communication skills with adults and children, verbally and in writing	E	Application form – references
Willingness to attend to physical needs of pupils e.g. toileting	Е	Application form – references
Awareness of, and commitment to, equalities issues	Е	Application form – references
A sense of humour and affable nature	E	Application form – references - interview
Be prepared to develop and learn in the role and a willingness to undertake training	Е	Application form – interview
Willingness to work flexible hours if required	E	Application form – interview