



HEREWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Person Specification: Teaching Assistant

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	NVQ Level 1 / 2 or higher at a degree level	First Aid qualification
Experience	<p><i>The candidate should have experience of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• working in a school or Nursery setting, perhaps as a parent or voluntary.	<p><i>In addition, the candidate might have experience of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• working with different age ranges in a primary school;• working with children who have a special educational need;• being a paid worker in a school, play schemes, crèches, midday supervision, after-school clubs etc.
Knowledge and understanding	<p><i>The candidate should have knowledge and understanding of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what constitutes a special educational need.• the pastoral care of young children;• child development and the ways in which children learn;• the roles played by various adults in a child's education;• issues related to safeguarding children, child protection and equal opportunities.	<p><i>In addition, the candidate may have experience in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• using different computing skills;• implementing intervention programmes to support pupils.

Skills	<p><i>The TA will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help pupils and teaching staff to achieve their objectives; • assist children on an individual basis, but also work as a member of a team; • explain tasks simply and clearly; • supervise and maintain good order with pupil behaviour and adhere to defined standards; • accept and respond to management and supervision; • work with guidance, but under limited supervision; • use initiative in modifying approaches where necessary and making suggestions for improvement; • liaise and communicate effectively with others; • demonstrate good organisational skills; • get involved in professional development, and attend courses; • display work effectively, and make and maintain basic teaching resources. 	<p><i>In addition, the TA might also be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor, record and make basic assessments about individual progress • suggest alternative ways of helping children if they are unable to understand; • describe, in simple terms, the process of behaviour management with children; • identify gaps in their own experience that they need help in filling; • demonstrate the ability to learn and adapt from past experience.
Personal characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calm – Creative - Empathetic • Respect confidentiality • Enthusiastic – Caring – Friendly • Flexible 	<p><i>N.B. All appointments are subject to excellent references, medical clearance and DBS checks.</i></p>

