

**Person Specification**  
**Specialist Learning Support Assistant (Resource Base)**

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and skill	<p>Good written and verbal communication skills.</p> <p>Excellent reading and writing skills.</p> <p>Good numeracy skills.</p> <p>Ability to listen effectively.</p>	<p>GCSE English and Mathematics Grade C or above.</p> <p>Good IT skills.</p> <p>Qualification in BSL (British Sign Language) Level 1</p>
Knowledge and experience	<p>Experience of working with children.</p> <p>An understanding of the KS1 and / or KS2 curriculum.</p> <p>An understanding of the general aspect of child development.</p> <p>Ability to assess progress.</p> <p>Awareness of the potential barriers faced by deaf learners.</p> <p>Understand and support the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Understand the value of working with parents / carers in supporting children.</p> <p>Basic understanding of school policies and procedures.</p>	<p>Experience of working in a primary school environment.</p> <p>Experience working within a nursery or Early Years setting.</p> <p>Experience of working with deaf children or young people.</p> <p>Experience of dealing with children who have additional learning or emotional needs.</p> <p>Basic understanding of hearing loss.</p> <p>Basic understanding of hearing aids and / or cochlear implants.</p>
Aptitudes	<p>Ability to work effectively as part of a team.</p> <p>Flexible and able to work under own initiative.</p> <p>Ability to establish rapport and respectful and trusting relationship with deaf children.</p> <p>To have patience and sensitivity towards deaf children.</p> <p>To be able to identify barriers to learning and to encourage deaf children overcome them and to advocate for them when needed.</p> <p>Ability to demonstrate creativity and to resolve routine problems independently.</p> <p>Good organisational skills.</p> <p>An ability to remain calm under pressure.</p> <p>Awareness of and commitment to equality.</p> <p>Basic understanding or health and safety.</p> <p>Understand and implement child protection procedures.</p> <p>Understand procedures and legislation relating to confidentiality.</p> <p>Prepared to develop and learn in role.</p>	