	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	 Educated to NVQ Level 2 in learning support, NNEB or equivalent and/or relevant supporting teaching and learning in schools Training, experience and/or qualifications relating to supporting students with ASD 	 NVQ level 3 Qualifications/ accreditation in SEND and SEMH field e.g. British Sign Language, dyslexia, Makaton, ELKLAN
Experience and Knowledge	 Commitment to and or experience of working with young people Relevant SEN experience supporting secondary age pupils with ASD A sound theoretical knowledge of ASD conditions, and demonstrable knowledge of how to put that into practice when working with individuals Understanding of School policies and procedures, including equal opportunities, inclusion, SEND, Behaviour, Child Protection, H&S and Wellbeing Awareness of needs/demands of young People and how they act/react Experience assisting with differentiated teaching and learning, effectively managing and supporting individuals and groups of pupils. 	 Knowledge of various health or SEND conditions and needs, e.g. ADHD, dyslexia etc Experience in reporting and assessing students where necessary Experience working with students who have SEMH needs Experience in carrying out student observations and monitoring and academic and emotional wellbeing Understanding of what 'a child centred approach' means
Skills	 Awareness of Autism Spectrum Conditions and how they may effect individuals Ability to show awareness to when it is appropriate to consult teachers about a student's behaviour or learning 	

 Comfortable working with challenging behaviour. Have a calm, patient and positive approach to working with children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties Excellent communication skills, particularly 	
recognising the importance of listening.	