Great Abington Primary School Teaching Assistant – **Person Specification**



The person specification below outlines the qualities, values, skills and understanding that are required to fulfil the job description, inspire and enable all our pupils to excel. Please use the person specification alongside the job description in your application and preparation for the interview.

	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
Qualifications	Relevant Educational qualifications	 Higher Education / Further Education qualifications Speech and language (ELKLAN) Autism and ADHD awareness Further and relevant Professional Development Paediatric First Aid at work 	• Application Form
Experience	 Recent, relevant experience as a teaching assistant within a Primary phase classroom Recent, relevant experience working with pupils that require nurture and support to enable them to thrive within a mainstream school Phonics and early reading knowledge Experience of working effectively in a team Experience of working within a structured behaviour management programme 	 Proven record of effective intervention group work Experience of delivering phonics and early reading programmes / interventions Evidence of non - educational experiences Flexibility within role such as lunchtime supervision 	• Application Form
Professional Knowledge, Understanding and skills	 Understanding of what constitutes quality and high standards in learning Knowledge of inclusion and strategies for engaging all learners Understanding what constitutes appropriate and successful relationships with children Knowledge and understanding of Child protection within a Primary school setting 	 Supporting and nurturing emotional literacy within the classroom Knowledge and understanding of how the learning environment supports high standards Knowledge and understanding of how the learning environment supports high standards 	 Letter of application Interview



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Specific Knowledge, Understanding and skills	 Knowledge of delivering and assessing within a phonics programme Using a positive approach to promote learning and behaviour Skills in observing and recording assessments 	 Effective organisational skills Understanding of how pupils learn Confident and competent user of technology as an educational tool 	 Application form Learning observation Interview
Curriculum	 Knowledge of the National Curriculum Knowledge of the Foundation Stage curriculum 	 Cross curricular learning and teaching How the curriculum supports the ethos and values of a school Knowledge of Development Matters 	 Letter of application Interview
Professional Values	 High expectations of everyone Commitment to enquiry led learning Commitment to the personal welfare and safeguarding of children 	Support for an enriched curriculum through out of hours learning and educational visits	 Letter of application Interview
Personal Qualities	 Good interpersonal/communication skills Displays warmth, care and sensitivity in dealing with children Open minded and reflective Ability to work flexibly and prioritise Desire to continually develop and embrace new ideas Demonstrate a confidence to speak out when concerned about pupil outcomes Willingness to be involved in the wider life of the school 	 Willingness to engage with the opportunities for learning presented by the school site Insight into what is important in our school Demonstrate a commitment to environmentally friendly and sustainable working practices Brings personal interests and enthusiasm to the school community 	 Letter of application Interview Reference