

Manchester City Council

Job Description

Teaching Assistant – Level 4, Grade 5 Teaching and Learning

The post holder will report to the Teacher. Apart from other colleagues in the school, the main contacts of the job are: Head Teacher, teaching staff, other support staff and pupils.

Main Purpose of the Job:

To complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities. This may involve planning, preparing and delivering learning programmes and support to individual pupils, small groups and on a short term basis to whole classes.

Responsibility for the management and development of a specialist area in school or across a department, and or leading and deploying teaching assistants in addressing the needs of pupils who require help to overcome barriers to learning

Work in collaboration with teaching colleagues to co-ordinate and plan schemes of work to be used by teaching assistants undertaking specified teaching work

Contribute to Senior Management Team or Departmental Management Team

Line management, supervision of support staff, including implementation of performance management procedures

Main Duties

Support for pupils

1. To work with groups of children under the supervision of the teacher including the delivery of programmes of work and implementation of ILPs
2. Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills/training/experience to support pupils learning
3. Establish productive working relationships with pupils, taking on role model by presenting a positive personal image and setting high expectations
4. Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
5. Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities
6. Promote independence and employ strategies to recognize and reward achievement of self reliance

7. Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement
8. Support pupils whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
9. Attend to pupils' personal needs, including minor first aid and provide advice to assist their social, health and hygiene development.

Support for Teachers

10. Organise and manage appropriate learning environment and resources
11. Within an agreed scheme, of supervision, contribute to the whole planning cycle, including preparing challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate
12. Give regular feedback on children's progress to the class teacher and file records
13. Be responsible for keeping and updating records, information and data, producing analysis and reports as required
14. Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required, to the teacher on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence
15. Record progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of a range and level of progress and attainment
16. Undertake marking of pupil's work and accurately record achievement/progress
17. Administer and assess routine tests and invigilate exams
18. Monitor and manage stock within an agreed budget, cataloguing resources and undertaking audits as required
19. Provide specialist advice and guidance (e.g. Science/PE) as required
20. Liaise with parents/carers, schools and establish constructive relationships and communicate with other relevant bodies to support achievement and progress of pupils
21. Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress and achievement
22. Take the lead role in the development and implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies promoting self control and independence
23. Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through observation and planned recording of achievement against predetermined learning objectives.

Support for the Curriculum

24. Implement agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs, including assessment
25. Contribute to the development of lesson/work plans
26. Deliver programmes including those linked to local and national learning strategies and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills
27. Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
28. Select and prepare resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests, language and cultural backgrounds
29. Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment

Support for the School

30. Ensure strategic processes are complied with in order to overcome barriers to learning, including e.g. behaviour management strategies
31. Comply with and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection procedures, health and safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting any concerns to the relevant member of staff.
32. Accompany teachers and pupils on educational visits
33. Assist in maintaining high standards of health and safety at all times.
34. Maintain good relationships with colleagues and work together as a team.
35. Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school
36. Contribute to the identification and implementation of appropriate learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class
37. Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
38. Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
39. Establish relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupil progress and achievement

40. Take the initiative as appropriate to develop multi agency approaches to supporting pupils

Line Management Responsibilities

41. Manage the Teaching Assistant staff within the school or department under the direction of the headteacher
42. Liaise between managers, teaching staff and teaching assistants
43. Hold regular team meetings with managed staff
44. Represent teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings
45. Undertake recruitment/induction/performance management/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants

All elements of Specified Teaching Work undertaken by the postholder will be within the framework of the school's Scheme of Supervision in line with the 2003 Regulations and (amended Regulations 2007). In addition to HLTA's, the Regulations cover other groups of support staff who undertake 'specified work' at different levels. Specified work may cover a range of activities at different levels – including for some staff, work with whole classes. Headteachers will ensure that the support staff member has the skills, experience and expertise required to carry out 'specified work'. Where more demanding aspects of 'specified work' are carried out by support staff, and particularly where they are working with whole classes, it is strongly recommended that the headteacher should have regard to the standards for HLTAs in determining whether those staff have the necessary level of skills and expertise.

A teaching assistant Level 4 may be called upon to provide cover for whole classes e.g. to cover short term teacher absence. During the cover periods, there will be a requirement for the teaching assistant to carry out specified work such as planning, preparation, assessment and reporting.

The Teaching Assistant must carry out his or her duties with full regard and commitment to the Governing Body and City Council Policies.

Where the postholder is disabled, every effort will be made to supply all necessary aids, adaptations or equipment to allow them to carry out all the duties of the job. If, however, a certain task proves to be unachievable, job redesign will be fully considered.

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Person Specification

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For this job we are looking for:

Experience of working with or caring for children of a relevant age

Numeracy/literacy skills (at a level equivalent to NQF Level 2)

NVQ level 3 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience

Willingness and ability to undertake HLTA Level responsibilities (refer to HLTA standards)

Willingness to participate in training, performance management and self evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities

Training in the relevant learning strategies and /or in a particular curriculum or learning area, eg. bilingual

Ability to relate well to children and adults

Ability to work as part of a team

An understanding of the role of the Teaching Assistant and other professionals working in the classroom

Ability to use relevant technology eg photocopier

Effective use of ICT to support learning

Full working knowledge and understanding of national/foundation stage curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategic processes and barriers to learning

Ability to organise, motivate and lead a team

Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching

Full working knowledge of relevant policies/codes of practice/legislation

Understanding of the principles of child development and learning processes

Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek opportunities

Willingness to undertake first aid training as appropriate

Personal Style and Behaviour

Tact and diplomacy in all interpersonal relationships with the public, pupils and colleagues at work.

Self motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the required timescales and quality standards.

The flexibility to adapt to changing workload demands and new school challenges.

Personal commitment to ensure that the provision is equally accessible and appropriate to meet the diverse needs of pupils.

Personal commitment to continuous self-development.

A commitment to school improvement.

Be willing to consent to and apply for an enhanced disclosure to a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.