

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Job Description

DEPARTMENT	Children's Services
SCHOOL	All Phases
JOB TITLE	Teaching Assistant (2)
GRADE	Single Status Grade 3
RESPONSIBLE TO	Headteacher
MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB	To assist in promoting the learning and personal development of all pupils, including, but not exclusively, those with special educational needs.

Main Functions

1. To aid pupils to learn as effectively as possible both in group situations and on his/her own by, for example:
 - a. Clarifying and explaining instructions;
 - b. Ensuring the pupil(s) is able to use equipment and materials provided;
 - c. Motivating and encouraging the pupil(s) as required by providing levels of individual attention, reassurance and help with learning tasks as appropriate to pupils' needs;
 - d. Assisting in weaker areas, e.g. speech and language, behaviour, reading, spelling, numeracy, handwriting/presentation etc;
 - e. Using praise, commentary and assistance to encourage the pupil to concentrate and stay on task;
 - f. Liaising with class teacher, SENCO and other professionals about individual education plans (IEPs), contributing to the planning as appropriate;
 - g. Providing additional nurture to individuals when requested by the class teacher or SENCO;
 - h. Consistently and effectively implementing agreed behaviour management strategies;
 - i. Helping to make appropriate resources to support the pupil(s);
 - j. Meeting pupils' physical needs while encouraging independence e.g. help pupils to change for PE lessons or swimming, clean and reassure pupils after accidental soiling of clothes, help with mobility around the school.
2. To establish supportive relationships with the pupil(s) concerned;
3. To promote the acceptance and inclusion of the pupil(s) with SEN, encouraging pupils to interact with each other in an appropriate and acceptable manner;
4. Monitor the pupil's response to the learning activities and, where appropriate, modify or adapt the activities as agreed with the teacher to achieve the intended learning outcomes;

5. Give the pupil(s) feedback on achievements in order to reinforce and develop self reliance and self esteem, including marking children's work;
6. To support the pupil(s) in developing social skills both in and out of the classroom;
7. To support the use of ICT in learning activities;
8. To provide regular feedback on the pupil(s)' learning and behaviour to the teacher/SENCO, including feedback on the effectiveness of the behaviour strategies adopted;
9. Under the direction of the teacher, carry out and report on systematic observations of pupils to gather evidence of their knowledge, understanding and skills upon which the teacher makes judgements about their stage of development;
10. When working with a group of pupils, understand and use group dynamics to promote group effectiveness and support group and individual performance;
11. To use the school's system for recording progress;
12. Where appropriate, to know and apply positive handling techniques;
13. To prepare work and activities in advance of the lesson (within employed hours) e.g. operating AVA equipment as required i.e. photocopier, laminator, making books, labels, signs and undertaking practical tasks to maintain a good standard of classroom appearance;
14. To know and apply school policies on Child Protection, Health and Safety, Behaviour, Teaching and Learning, Equal Opportunities etc.;
15. Where appropriate to develop a relationship to foster links between home and school, and to keep the school informed of relevant information;
16. To be aware of confidential issues linked to home/pupil/teacher/school;
17. To contribute towards reviews of pupil(s)' progress as appropriate;
18. To comply with legal and organisational requirements for maintaining the health, safety and security of yourself and others in the learning environment;
19. To take part in training activities offered by the school and the county to further knowledge (within employed hours);
20. To be willing to support playground/break time supervision e.g. educational games, homework clubs etc. (within employed hours);
21. To accompany teacher and pupils on educational visits;
22. To carry out the above duties in accordance with the Children's Services Equal Opportunities Policy.

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. The post holder may be required from time to time to undertake other duties within the school as may be reasonable expected, without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. This is a common occurrence and would not justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.