



JOB DESCRIPTION

KS2 Teaching Assistant

Reports to	Head of Middle School
Working Pattern	Term Time Only, Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 2:30pm with a 30-minute unpaid lunch break
Location	Orley Farm School
Benefits	Generous Company Pension Scheme and free onsite parking.

Background

Orley Farm School is a leading co-educational independent preparatory school set in 36 acres on beautiful grounds. We are a friendly, stable and caring community, proud of our academic achievements and dedicated to bringing out the full potential of each of our 500 pupils.

The Role

To work with teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils whilst also promoting their independence, self-esteem and social inclusion.

Duties and Responsibilities

The job description is subject to change. The post holder is expected to undertake such other duties within their capabilities and that may be required by the Line Manager.

The Teaching Assistant shall fulfil the following:

- Work with pupils, the class teacher, family and support assistants.
- Be involved in planning for the needs of the pupil.
- Gather curriculum materials for modifications in advance of lessons and make and prepare resources where necessary.
- Use ICT effectively to support learning.
- Encourage development of pupils independent learning skills.
- Attend and contribute to review meetings, including annual reviews
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the support given.
- Work closely with the teaching and support staff in the pastoral work of the school.
- Contribute to the home/school links according to the school policy.
- Maintain the discipline and standards of the school.
- Communicate effectively with pupils, colleagues and parents.
- Be aware of current school policies and ensure their implementation.
- Supervise break-times as required.
- Complete administrative tasks for Head of Section and other staff as required.

- Plan with other members of staff where appropriate.
- Provide First Aid, in the absence of the School Nurses.
- Carry out any additional reasonable requirement of the Head or Head of Section.
- Attend and support Sectional events, within school and out of school hours.
- Attend in service training and professional development courses when appropriate.
- Carry out any other duties that may be commensurate with the post.

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the school's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school, s/he must report any concerns to the school's child protection officer or to the Head (if different).

This position is subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service in the event of a successful application.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good basic education to GCSE level in literacy and numeracy, or the equivalent • NVQ Level 2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent. 	
Knowledge and Skills	<p>The Teaching Assistant should have knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the needs of young children; • child development and the ways in which children learn; • the roles played by various adults in a child's education; • behaviour management strategies; • equal opportunities • safeguarding • of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with and the protection of children and young people. <p>The Teaching Assistant will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help professional staff to achieve their objectives; • assist children on an individual basis, in small group and whole class work; 	<p>In addition, the Teaching Assistant might also be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor, record and make basic assessments about individual progress;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain tasks simply and clearly and foster independence; • supervise children, and adhere to defined behaviour management policies; • accept and respond to authority and supervision; • work with guidance, but under limited supervision; • liaise and communicate effectively with others; • demonstrate good organisational skills; • reflect on and develop professional practice; • display work effectively, and make and maintain basic teaching resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggest alternative ways of helping children if they are unable to understand; • describe, in simple terms, the process of behaviour management with children; • identify gaps in their own experience that they need help in filling; • demonstrate the ability to use Microsoft word and excel and use a school database.
<p>Attributes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to relate well to children and adults. • Have good numeracy and literacy skills and confident use of ICT communication skills. • Creative, caring, friendly, patient, calm and adaptable. • Excellent verbal and written communication. • Experience of working as part of a team. • Exhibit high morals standards in dealing with confidential and sensitive issues. • Understand relevant policies/codes of practice and awareness of relevant legislation in relation to working with and the protection of children and young people. • Organised, resourceful, an excellent timekeeper, approachable, committed, empathetic and enthusiastic. 	

Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The successful candidate will be required to complete child protection training online (arranged by the school) where they have not already received training in the past two years.	
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How to apply

Please send your completed application form to:

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Harrow,
HA1 3NU

Or alternatively, email to: hr@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk