PERSON SPECIFICATION

Criteria	Essential to basic performance of job	Required for fully competent performance of job			
Knowledge:					
Technical or specialist	Knowledge and use of a range of equipment	Experience of working with pupils			
		Basic knowledge of first aid			
Literacy and numeracy	GCSE level 4/grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics (or equivalent)				
School environment		Knowledge of school policies and procedures			
Mental Skills:					
Research	Assist teacher with information gathering and resources as appropriate				
Problem solving	Ability to recognise and report problems				
Thinking creatively / Developing new ideas	Assist teacher in creating a positive learning environment				
Interpersonal & Communications Skills:					
Caring skills	Sensitivity to pupil's needs				
Advising/guiding skills	Advising and guiding pupils on best way to handle situations, under the teacher's direction				
Verbal and written communications skills (including use of languages)	Ability to communicate clearly Ability to encourage participation and give feedback to pupils Ability to maintain appropriate level of confidentiality				
Physical skills:					
Keyboard skills / use of mouse		Ability to use keyboard and mouse required if supporting pupils using IT equipment			
Other manual skills	Use of guillotine, craft knives, glue guns etc when displaying work or assisting pupils in practical lessons				
	Help pupils to use tools and equipment as required to support learning				

Other Attributes:			
Level of autonomy	Work is covered by set policies		
	and procedures		
	Teaching Assistants work under		
	the guidance of the teacher or		
	more senior Teaching Assistant		
	Able to work with small groups of		
	pupils when carrying out specific		
	tasks or on field trips etc.		
	Able to supervise larger numbers		
	of pupils during break/lunchtime		
	Able to make decisions on when		
	to refer queries/problems to		
	another member of staff		
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