



Job description

JOB TITLE:	Graduate Teaching Assistant
GRADE:	Hackney Support Staff Range, Scale 4, Point 7 £17,762.05 (Actual Salary)
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Headteacher
HOURS OF WORK:	This post is term time only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday 8.45am-3.45pm These timings include one-hour lunch break and 30 hours week. These hours may be reviewed in consultation with you.

POST RESPONSIBILITIES

- To work under the instruction/guidance of teaching/senior staff to undertake work/care/support programs. To enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area for short periods of time.

SUPPORT for PUPILS:

- Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities.
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes.
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence.
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under the guidance of the teacher.
- Deliver pastoral and learning support.
- Deal with minor incidents and the health and hygiene of the children and where necessary, escort them home.
- Read with individual children and groups and complete reading records as directed by the class teacher.
- Under the direction of teacher, work with small groups of children and take responsibility for their learning.

SUPPORT for TEACHER:

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work.
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals.
- Assist with the planning of learning activities.
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed.
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc.
- Promote good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Establish and maintain constructive relationships with parents/carers by supporting their role in pupils' learning, providing constructive feedback on pupils' progress and achievements and facilitating their support for their child's attendance;
- Support home to school/community links.
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work.
- Provide clerical/admin, support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administer coursework etc.
- Work within an agreed system of supervision with small groups of children and take responsibility for their learning.
- Work in partnership with the teacher to support the school induction programme. This may include contributing to parents evening as appropriate.

SUPPORT for the CURRICULUM:

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses.
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years and record achievement and progress and feed back to the teacher.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment/resources as required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use.

SUPPORT for the SCHOOL:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop

- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime.
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher. Assist in the general care of the school environment by undertaking tidying of general areas.
- Promote equal opportunities at all times.
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of specialist expertise and use these to lead, advise and support others.
- **Further details of general duties, responsibilities and procedures can be obtained from the Staff Handbook**

OTHER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Take part in the school's performance management system.
- Enhanced CRB Check.
- Strong commitment to furthering equalities in both service delivery and employment practice.
- You must promote and safeguard the welfare of children, young and vulnerable people that you are responsible for or come into contact with.

Additional duties and tasks will be negotiated and agreed at the time of appointment and annual review (following the first annual cycle) at the direction of the school Head teacher.

This job description will be reviewed annually and may be subject to amendment or modification at any time after consultation with the post holder. It is not a comprehensive statement of procedures and tasks, but sets out the main expectations of the academy in relation to the post holder's professional responsibilities and duties.

The post holder will be expected to carry out all duties in the context of and in compliance with all the school's policies and procedures and in compliance with Gayhurst Community School Equal Opportunities Policies and Code of Conduct. All the above duties are to be carried out in line with current Health and Safety legislation.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION BY POST HOLDER

I can confirm my acceptance of the Job Description as outlined above

NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE:

Person specification- Graduate Teaching Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
5+ GCSE's A*- B, including English and Maths	✓	
Committed towards completing teacher training programme within 2 years	✓	
Degree at 2:2 or above	✓	

EXPERIENCE

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Working with or caring for children of a relevant age.	✓	

KNOWLEDGE

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Completion of the Department of Children, Schools and Families Teacher Assistant Induction Programme.	✓	
Training in the relevant learning strategies e.g. literacy.	✓	
First aid training/training as appropriate.	✓	
Understanding of relevant policies/code of practice and awareness of relevant legislation.	✓	
General understanding of nation/foundation stage curriculum and other basic learning programmes/strategies.	✓	
Basic understanding of child development and learning.	✓	

SKILLS

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Good numeracy/literacy skills.	✓	
Effective use of ICT to support learning.	✓	
Use of other equipment technology including video, photocopier.	✓	
Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities.	✓	
Ability to relate well to children and adults.	✓	
Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and own position within these	✓	
Display commitment to protection and safeguarding of children and young people	✓	



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