Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Person Specification for Teaching Assistant

Information provided on the application form will be assessed against the criteria listed on this Person Specification to shortlist candidates for interview.

Desirable Qualifications	• Good standard of general education with a minimum GCSE Grade C in English and Maths, or equivalent
Desirable Experience	 Experience of supporting children with complex medical needs Experience of providing intimate personal care Experience of working with primary age children with barriers to learning Experience of working in a school setting
Desirable Skills	 Highly competent in providing safe and efficient medical support Ability to assess pupil learning and keep up-to-date records Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to safeguarding, health & safety, security, equal opportunities and confidentiality Good interpersonal skills and an ability to relate and communicate effectively with children, staff and parents Good influencing skills to encourage pupils to interact with others and be socially responsible Ability to work well as part of a team and show initiative when appropriate Clear, legible handwriting ICT skills
Desirable Knowledge	 Up-to-date knowledge of medical needs and procedures Good standard of spoken and written English Good English comprehension Understanding of the importance of play Knowledge of a range of behaviour management strategies and techniques
Essential Personal Qualities	 Caring, approachable, flexible, understanding, consistent, assertive and calm Positive attitude Excellent communication skills Understanding of children's needs and a clear belief in inclusion for all Understanding and respecting the need for absolute confidentiality Adaptability, flexibility and willingness to assist with other aspects of school life Willingness to continue own professional development