

**PONTARDDULAIS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
JOB DESCRIPTION**

POST TITLE: Teaching Assistant Level 2

SALARY/GRADE: Grade 4 (5-6)

JOB PURPOSE:

To work under the direct instruction/guidance of teacher/senior teaching staff to undertake work/care/support programmes, 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.

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 the Individual Education, Behaviour and Personal Care programmes.
- Establish constructive relationships with all pupils and interact with them according to individual needs.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils.
- Encourage all 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.

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 teacher 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 constructive relationships with parents/carers.
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work.

SUPPORT FOR CURRICULUM:

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil needs and responses, maximising pupils' opportunities to communicate and engage with the learning.
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years recording achievement and progress and feeding 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 required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activities and assist pupils in their use.

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
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- 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.

GENERAL DUTIES:

- To ensure that all activities are carried out in accordance with Equal Opportunities legislation and the City and County of Swansea Equal Opportunity policy.
- To undertake the personal health and safety responsibilities within the HASAWA 1974.
- To undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required commensurate with the level of the post. This will include supporting other pupils in line with the needs of the STF unit.
- The Authority retains the right to implement changes in job descriptions to reflect changes in the demands of the post and this will be done in consultation with you.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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EXPERIENCE:

- Working with or caring for children and young people of relevant age.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Good numeracy/literacy and ICT skills.
- Completion of DfES Teaching Assistant Induction Programme.
- NVQ2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualifications or experience.
- Training in the relevant strategies e.g. literacy.
- First aid training desirable.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS:

- A high level of verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to establish excellent relationships with pupils and staff.
- Understand the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing.
- Confident in the use of ICT with the ability and interest to support and develop the use of technology to develop learning opportunities and produce blended learning resources.
- General understanding of national/foundation stage curriculum and other basic learning programmes/strategies.
- Basic understanding of child development and learning.
- Ability to understand the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing.
- Ability to relate well to adults and children.
- Ability to work constructively using own initiative or as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these.
- Ability to understand health and safety procedures and be willing to undertake first aid training.
- Ability to understand and implement legislation and procedures relating to child protection, confidentiality and data protection.
- Ability to reflect on your own practice and to learn and develop within the role.

Special Requirement

This post requires an Enhanced Level of DBS. The successful candidate will need to complete a satisfactory DBS check. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme is available at <https://ccos-powyscountycouncil.employmentcheck.org.uk/> or from the Personnel/HR section from Civic Centre, Swansea.