

Post Title:	Learning Support Assistant	Director/Service/Sector :	Children's Services
Band:	3	Workplace:	HMS and QEHS Part of HLT
Responsible to:	Assistant SENDCo. and Assistant Headteacher /SENDCo.	Date:	July 2023
Job Description Ref:	S1084		

Responsible for:

Contact with young people: This role requires regular, ongoing and unsupervised contact with young people. This contact is direct and could potentially be on both a, 1:1 and group basis within the workplace. The degree of responsibility for young people is outlined below in the role and responsibilities area of the form.

Job Purpose:

To work under the direct supervision of teaching/senior staff, usually in a classroom with a teacher, to support access to learning for pupils and provide general support to the teacher in the management of pupils in the classroom.

Resources	Staff	None
	Finance	Collecting Money
	Physical	School and Classroom Resources, Specialist Equipment (SEND Students)
	Clients	Internal (Teachers, Other Staff, Pupils) and External (Parents, Visitors, Members of the Public external agencies).

Duties and key result areas:

Organisation

1. The role reports into the Assistant SENDDCo and indirectly the SENDCo.
2. The role is based within the SEND department and classroom environment.

Support for Pupils

3. Attend to the personal needs of pupils including the implementation of personal learning programmes that may include social, health, physical, hygiene and welfare objectives.
4. Supervise and support students with special educational needs in their access of learning.
5. Establish good relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and responding to the needs of each individual student.
6. To actively promote inclusive practice within the classroom setting to ensure acceptance of all students.
7. Encourage students to interact with one another.
8. Encourage students to engage in, and participate in learning activities lead by the subject teacher.
9. To encourage students to act independently as appropriate
10. To assist SEND students on arrival and departure from school as required.

Support for the Teacher

29. Report to the subject teacher, as agreed, on:
30. Pupil problems
31. Pupil progress
32. Pupil achievements

33. Undertake the maintenance of pupil records as directed and where appropriate by the subject teacher and SENDCO.
34. Support the teacher in the management of pupil behaviour.
35. Contact with parents and carers as directed by SENDCO.
36. Provide information to parents and carers as directed by SENDCO.
37. To work effectively as part of the SEND Team and with other teaching staff in addressing the special needs of students in mainstream as directed by the SENDCO or Senior LSA(SEN).
38. To act upon guidance provided by members of the SEND team and other professionals.
39. To attend SEND review meetings when requested

Support for the Curriculum

40. Help pupils to understand instructions.
41. Support pupil learning with respect to all of the local and national learning strategies.
42. Support pupils in their use of ICT as directed by the subject teacher and SENDCO.
43. Prepare and maintain equipment and resources as directed by the subject teacher and SENDCO.

Administration

44. Undertake typing and word processing and complex IT tasks
45. Communicate with other staff to improve efficiencies 28. Create documents and reports on nominated pupils
46. Record information within Trust MIS's.
47. Provide administrative and organisational support to the Assistant SENDCo's /SENDCo
48. Train and develop staff as appropriate

Whole School Responsibilities

49. Liaise with parents and outside agencies where necessary to establish an understanding of the wider needs of a student
50. Attend multi-agency meetings where relevant
51. Provide advice and guidance where relevant for students seeking support
52. Where relevant, liaise with academic team regarding academic support and its implementation
53. Communicate with relevant staff where necessary regarding support in place for students
54. Provide advice and guidance to staff, pupils and others across the school as necessary
55. Comply with and assist with the development of Trust policies. The post holder must carry out his/her duties with full regard to the Trust's Child Protection, Equalities and other relevant policies in the terms of employment and service delivery to ensure that colleagues are treated and services delivered in a fair and consistent manner and procedures relating to:
56. Safeguarding and Child protection

57. Health and safety - the post holder is required to comply with health and safety policy and systems, report any incidents/accidents/hazards and take pro-active approach to health and safety matters in order to protect both oneself and others.
58. Data protection
59. Confidentiality and data protection Reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
60. Support the school's policies that ensure equality of opportunity across a range of abilities
61. Contribute to the overall ethos of the school and Work in such a way as to promote the ethos and vision of the school.
62. Establish constructive relationships and communicate effectively with external agencies
63. Attend and participate in regular meetings
64. Participate in training and development as required.
65. To undertake First Aider training appropriate with the role and nature of activity.
66. To undertake other duties and responsibilities as required commensurate with the grade of the post.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. You are therefore under a duty to use the school's procedures to report any concerns you may have regarding the safety or well-being of any child or young person.

The duties and responsibilities highlighted in this Job Description are indicative and may vary over time. Post holders are expected to undertake other duties and responsibilities relevant to the nature, level and extent of the post and the grade has been established on this basis.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified.

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Employees are expected to adopt a professional, courteous demeanour at all times during communication with colleagues, visitors, or students.

The school will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition.

Work Arrangements		
Transport requirements:	None	
Working patterns:	Monday to Friday	
Working conditions:	Office and Classroom based, Mainly indoors with some outdoor activity.	
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Working patterns:	Normal work patterns	
Working conditions:	Normally indoors; there may be occasions where you would be required to work at Hexham Middle School or other school within the Trust	
PERSON SPECIFICATION		
Essential	Desirable	Assess by
Knowledge and Qualifications		
The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post. As is an ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English.	Completion of DCSF Teaching Assistant Induction Programme;	(a), (t), (g)
Good numeracy and literacy skills (Level 2);	NCFE Certificate for Teaching Assistants	
	Knowledge of KS3 and 4 curriculum.	
	Knowledge of strategies to support learning	
Experience		
Working with or caring for children of high and middle school age.	Experience of working with young people with behavioural/emotional/social difficulties	(a), (i), (g)
Skills and competencies		
Basic ICT skills		(a), (i), (t)
Can relate well to both young people and adults		
Basic Office skills e.g. photocopying, filing		
Ability to self motivate		
Can work as a member of a team and independently		
Physical, mental and emotional demands		

Emotional resilience Ability to work flexibly		(i)
Other		
Willingness to participate in personal and professional development	Evidence of learning beyond the work place	(a), (i)

Key to assessment methods; (a) application form, (i) interview, (r) references, (t) ability tests (q) personality questionnaire (g) assessed group work, (p) presentation, (o) others e.g. case studies/visits

Please note that Recruitment and Selection records will be retained and used in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018 and other legislative provisions.