



Job Description

Post Title:	HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT L 4
Responsible to:	Headteacher
Responsibility:	N/A

The post-holder must at all times carry out his/her responsibilities within the spirit of Tapton School Academy Trust's Policies and Procedures, in particular the policies on Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety and also, within the framework of the Education Act 1996.

Purpose of the post

Working within an agreed framework of supervision to complement the professional work of teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities, including planning, preparation and delivery. These activities can be for individuals/groups or whole classes on a short-term basis including monitoring and assessment, recording and reporting on pupil achievement, progress and development

Responsible for the management and development of a specialist area within the school and/or management of other teaching assistants including allocation and monitoring of work, appraisal and training

Relevant Qualifications

Meet higher level teaching assistant standards or equivalent qualification or experience
Excellent numeracy/literacy skills – equivalent to nvq level 2 in English and Maths
Training in the relevant learning strategies e.g. Literacy, SLCN
Specialist skills /training in curriculum or learning area e.g. EAL

Main duties and responsibilities

Support for students

1. Assess the needs of pupils and use detailed knowledge and specialist skills to support pupils' learning.
2. Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
3. Develop and implement Engagement plans and support plans.
4. Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom.
5. Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
6. Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities.
7. Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
8. Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement.

Support for Teacher

1. Organise and manage appropriate learning environment and resources.
2. Within an agreed system of supervision, plan challenging teaching and learning objectives to evaluate and adjust lessons/work plans as appropriate.
3. Monitor and evaluate pupil responses to learning activities through a range of assessment and monitoring strategies against pre-determined learning objectives.
4. Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports as required on pupil achievement, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence.
5. Record progress and achievement in lessons/activities systematically and providing evidence of range and level of progress and attainment.
6. Work within an established discipline policy to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, promoting self control and independence.
7. Supporting the role of parents in pupils' learning and contribute to/lead meetings with parents to provide constructive feedback on pupil progress/achievement etc.
8. Administer and assess/mark tests and invigilate exams/tests.
9. Production of lesson plans, worksheet, plans etc.

Support for the curriculum

1. Deliver learning activities to pupils within agreed system of supervision, adjusting activities according to pupil responses/needs.
2. Deliver local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, KS4 and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of pupils' skills.
3. Use ICT effectively to support learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
4. Select and prepare resources necessary to lead learning activities, taking account of pupils' interests and language and cultural backgrounds.
5. Advise on appropriate deployment and use of specialist aid/resources/equipment.

Support for the School

1. Comply with and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person.
2. Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
3. Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.
4. Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils.
5. Take the initiative as appropriate to develop appropriate multi-agency approaches to supporting pupils.
6. Recognise own strengths and areas of specialist expertise and use these to lead, advise and support others.
7. Deliver out of school learning activities within guidelines established by the school.
8. Contribute to the identification and execution of appropriate out of school learning activities which consolidate and extend work carried out in class.

Line Management responsibilities where appropriate

1. Manage other teaching assistants.
2. Liaise between managers/teaching staff and teaching assistants.
3. Hold regular team meetings with managed staff.
4. Represent teaching assistants at teaching staff/management/other appropriate meetings.
5. Undertake recruitment/induction/appraisal/training/mentoring for other teaching assistants.

HLTA's will also undertake some or all of the following:

Manage and co-ordinate students use of technology and relevant programmes to support learning e.g. reading pens, laptops

Plan and implement a peer (paired) reading scheme

Offer support, before school, during break and lunchtime within our oasis centre