

## ALWYN INFANT SCHOOL

### Job details

**Job title:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

**Contract type:** full-time, term time only

**Reporting to:** Head of School

Alwyn Infant School is part of the Alwyn and Courthouse Federation. This role is based at Alwyn Infant School but during the course of your employment you may be required to work at either school.



### Main purpose

The HLTA will:

- Contribute to a range of teaching and learning activities for individual pupils, small groups and whole classes.
- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement

### Duties and responsibilities

#### Teaching and learning

- Under the direction of the teacher, demonstrate an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all pupils including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Promote, support and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all pupils in learning and extracurricular activities
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the school's policy and procedures
- Support class teachers with maintaining routines and managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Support class teachers in organising and managing the teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Use ICT skills to advance pupils' learning, if necessary
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher
- To cover and lead class teaching (under the teacher's direction) as and when appropriate
- Direct the work, where relevant, of other adults in supporting learning

#### Planning

- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role
- Read and understand lesson plans if shared prior to lessons
- Prepare the classroom for lessons, with the support of the teacher

- Contribute to the preparation of learning activities and to plan their role in learning activities
- Use any allocated time to devise clearly structured activities that interest and motivate learners and advance their learning
- Plan how they will support the inclusion of pupils in the learning activities

### **Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals**

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and pupils, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher
- Communicate their knowledge and understanding of pupils to other school staff and education, health and social care professionals, so that informed decision making can take place on intervention and provision
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

### **Whole-school organisation, strategy and development**

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school

### **Health and safety**

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils, and help to safeguard pupils' well-being by following the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and our school's child protection policy
- Look after children who are upset or have had accidents
- Undertake First Aid duties in line with qualification/training received and act in line with the schools accident/incident policy .
- Undertake intimate care duties, in line with school policy.

### **Professional development**

- Help keep their own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on their own practice, liaising with school leaders, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from the school
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

### **Personal and professional conduct**

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity

The HLTA will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the teacher will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher or line manager.

## Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
<b>Qualifications and experience</b>	<p>Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education, or other relevant qualification in nursery work or childcare</p> <p>GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) in English and maths</p> <p>Experience of working with children</p> <p>Experience of planning and leading teaching and learning activities (under supervision)</p> <p>At least 3 years' experience of working in a Teaching Assistant role</p> <p>Understanding of child protection issues</p> <p>First Aid training desirable but can be provided</p>
<b>Skills and knowledge</b>	<p>Good literacy and numeracy skills</p> <p>Good organisational skills</p> <p>Ability to build effective working relationships with pupils and adults</p> <p>Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all pupils</p> <p>Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs</p> <p>Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and pupils</p> <p>Excellent verbal communication skills</p> <p>Active listening skills</p> <p>The ability to remain calm in stressful situations</p> <p>Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children</p> <p>Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning</p> <p>Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context</p> <p>Understanding of teaching methods and strategies</p> <p>Knowledge of how to successfully lead learning activities for a group or class of children</p> <p>Knowledge of how to support learners in accessing the curriculum in accordance with the SEND code of practice</p>
<b>Personal qualities</b>	<p>Enjoyment of working with children</p> <p>Sensitivity and understanding, to help build good relationships with pupils</p> <p>A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school</p> <p>Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times</p> <p>Commitment to safeguarding pupil's wellbeing and equality</p>

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the post holder.

Alwyn Infant School is committed to equality of opportunity, to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share and demonstrate this commitment.

All appointments are made subject to pre-employment checks including a health check, satisfactory references and an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Headteacher/line manager's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post holder's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_