Wellington School

Job Description – Behaviour Teaching Assistant

Responsible to – SENDCO

Purpose of the Job

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils- specifically those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), whose behaviour is a barrier to their learning
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually in 1-1 sessions and in the classroom, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement

Principal Responsibilities:

Support for Pupils

- 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, those with SEND
- Assist with the development and implementation of personalised Learning Plans that are reviewed half termly as part of the APDR (Assess, Plan, Do, Review) cycle
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in- line with the school's policy and procedures
- Observe pupil performance and pass observations on to the class teacher
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage 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 guidance of the teacher

Support to Teachers

- 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 shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons
- 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 regular feedback to teachers on pupil's 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

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- Read and understand lesson plans shared prior to lessons, if available
- Prepare the classroom for lessons
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use

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
- With the class teacher, keep other professionals accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the pupils they work with
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other colleagues, including specialist advisory teachers
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

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

General

- To contribute to the overall ethos and aims of the school
- To appreciate and support the roles of other professionals
- Participate in training opportunities and professional development as required

<u>NOTE</u>

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 post holder will carry out. The post holder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the Headteacher or line manager.