

# Wellington School



## Job Description Teaching Assistant – Visual Impairment Support

**Responsible to – SENCO**

### **Purpose of the Job**

To provide dedicated 1:1 support for a visually impaired student, ensuring access to the curriculum and promoting independence.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Support the learning and development of a visually impaired student in line with their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Adapt and prepare learning materials as necessary to enable the student to access information and experiences efficiently
- Assist with the use of specialist equipment and technology
- Work collaboratively with the class teacher and SEND team to deliver tailored support
- To learn skills in non-sighted methods of communication
- To monitor sensory functioning, noting any changes that might indicate deterioration or problems with the use of assistive technology and reporting these changes
- To provide recommendation on any adjustments to support plans
- To provide support during examinations to ensure the student can access their assessments, developing skills in access arrangements and modifications available in exams
- To support with the use of Information Technology (IT) and educational aids, including computers, video and communication devices, under supervision as required
- Be aware of potential hazards and alert the student accordingly e.g., tech and science lessons
- To act as a link between teachers and professional support services to ensure all relevant staff are aware of student support needs and the progress the student is making
- To seek advice and guidance from teachers and specialist staff as and when required
- To undertake relevant research and training specific to meeting the needs of a student with visual impairment
- To work alongside other professionals and attend relevant meetings
- To liaise closely with parents/carers

**General**

- Be aware and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, safeguarding, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- To adhere to the school Health and Safety Policy including risk assessment and safety systems
- To adhere to the School Policy on Equality and Diversity
- 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
- Support school events as and when required
- Undertake similar duties commensurate with the level of the post as required by the Headteacher

**NOTE**

This Job Description is designed to outline the main duties and responsibilities associated with the post but is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties performed.