



St Martin's Preparatory School
Job Description and Person Specification
EYFS Practitioner

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Post title:	EYFS Practitioner
Hours of work:	8:30 am – 4:00 pm, Term Time
Remuneration	Commensurate with experience
Responsible to:	SENCO
Start Date:	Immediate Start Available
Main Duties & Responsibilities:	<p>Supporting the pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a knowledge of a range of learning support needs and to develop an understanding of the specific needs of the students to be supported • To ensure that activities take into account the individual needs of each child. • Support learning by arranging/providing resources for lessons/activities in consultation with the teacher • To take into account the learning support involved to aid all the students in class to learn as effectively as possible both in group situations and on their own by, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clarifying, chunking and explaining instructions visually b. Pre teaching and consolidating the understanding relevant vocabulary concepts c. Ensuring the child is able to use equipment and materials provided d. Motivating and encouraging the child as required e. Assisting in weaker areas e.g. language, behaviour, reading, spelling, handwriting/presentation f. Helping pupils to concentrate on and finish work set g. Encouraging independence h. Liaising with class teachers and SENCO about Provision Plans, Access Arrangements, Target setting, EHCP Provision • Support pupils in social and emotional well-being, reporting problems to the teacher as appropriate • Understand and support independent learning and inclusion of all pupils as required. • Work with pupils on therapy or care programmes, designed and supervised by a therapist/care professional • Attend to pupils' personal needs including toileting, hygiene, dressing and eating, as well as help with social, welfare and health matters, reporting problems to the

	<p>teacher as appropriate. Physically assist pupils in activities (may involve lifting, where mobility is an issue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a supportive relationship with the child/children concerned • To encourage acceptance and inclusion of the child with special needs • To develop methods of promoting/reinforcing the child's self-esteem <p>Supporting the Senco /Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement learning activities/teaching programmes as agreed with the Senco/Teacher, adjusting activities according to pupils' responses as appropriate • Participate in planning and evaluation of learning activities/provision plans in consultation with the Senco/Teacher, providing feedback to the Senco/Teacher on impact/pupil progress and behaviour • Support the Senco/teacher in monitoring, assessing and recording pupil progress/activities • Provide feedback to pupils in relation to attainment and progress under the guidance of the Senco/teacher • Share information about pupils with other staff, parents / carers, internal and external agencies, as appropriate. • To ensure that parents, carers and appropriate professionals are welcomed, involved and regularly informed of children's activities. <p>Supporting the School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a relationship to foster links between home and school, through parent contact including emails and telephone calls as appropriate • To liaise advise and consult with other members of the team supporting the child when asked to do so. • To contribute and attend reviews of progress, and EHCP reviews as appropriate • To attend relevant in-service training • To be aware of school procedures • To be aware of confidential issues linked to home/pupil/teacher/schoolwork and to keep confidences appropriately • To uphold the school's core values <p>Support for the Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop awareness of the requirements of the curriculum • To support specific aims and lessons as planned and directed by the teacher • To develop awareness of the aims of the literacy and numeracy strategies relevant to the classes supported • To develop awareness of curriculum targets and support work towards them. • To be aware of Provision plan and be involved in School Target setting and set work towards achieving them <p>Flexibility by all staff is important in order to meet the varied needs of pupils and respond to adjustments according to the number of pupils requiring support.</p> <p>This list is not intended to be exhaustive, and you may be required to undertake other comparable duties as Sherrardswood School requires from time to time.</p>
<p>Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting, and Accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain a record of progress • To contribute towards reports for annual reviews and outside agency assessments • To be involved in provision mapping/planning, taking account of any EHCP targets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To record assessment results and other updated information on the Summary of Need
Subject Knowledge and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a good understanding of the E.Y.F.S. and the new framework.
Professional Standards and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be a role model to pupils through personal presentation and professional conduct. To arrive on time. To cover for absent colleagues as is reasonable, fair and equitable. To co-operate with the employer in all matters concerning Health and Safety and specifically to take reasonable care of their own Health & Safety, and that of any other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. To be familiar with the School and Department handbooks and support all the School's policies, e.g. those on Health and Safety. To establish effective working relationships with professional colleagues and associate staff. To strive for personal and professional development through active involvement in the School's appraisal system and performance management procedures. To undertake any reasonable task as directed by the Head and Senior Management Team. To be aware of the role of the Governing Body of the School and to support it in performing its duties. To uphold the school's core values.

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Factor	Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment
Qualifications	<p>A teaching assistant qualification or the equivalent gained through experience.</p> <p>GCSE in English and Maths</p>	Further qualifications with regard to child protection and/or SEN	Production of the Applicant's certificates
Experience:	Experience of dealing with EYFS preferably within an educational context.	<p>Experience of working within a school setting.</p> <p>Experience of working with children with a variety of personal and educational needs.</p>	<p>Contents of the Application Form</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>Professional references</p>
Skills & Aptitudes:	An ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.	Able to undertake administrative tasks relevant to the role.	<p>Contents of the Application Form</p> <p>Interview</p>

	<p>An ability to devise and implement a range of strategies to support learning and enjoyment of learning</p> <p>Good literacy and numeracy skills</p> <p>Drive</p>	<p>Consider and suggest ways of encouraging learning.</p>	<p>Professional references</p>
Knowledge:	<p>Understanding of the development of children between 0-5 years old.</p> <p>Understanding of how to support children's learning.</p> <p>Knowledge of Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding policies.</p> <p>Good knowledge of Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies.</p>	<p>Working knowledge of National Curriculum requirements.</p> <p>Knowledge of first aid procedures</p>	<p>Contents of the Application Form</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>Professional references</p>
Personal competencies and qualities:	<p>Enthusiastic and hard working.</p> <p>Calm and able to work well under pressure.</p> <p>Ability to use own initiative.</p> <p>Compassionate.</p>		<p>Contents of the Application Form</p> <p>Interview</p> <p>Professional references</p>