

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Person Specification

Linked to HLTA Role Profile

	Essential (E) or
Personal Attributes	Desirable (D)
Qualifications	
Has achieved formal recognition of competence against the HLTA professional	E
standards via:	
 The formal assessment route OR 	
 Following an approved 50-day training course 	
Minimum of GCSE Grade 'C' or equivalent qualification in English/Literacy and	Е
Mathematics/Numeracy	
Evidence of regular and recent professional development through CPD/INSET.	E
Qualified first aider.	D
Experience	
A minimum 5 years demonstrable and relevant experience within a school-based	D
setting	
Whole class teaching experience	Е
Personal experience of working with children in a school setting	E
Experience of working with parents in a professional manner	D
Experience of managing people and resources	D
Proven excellent interpersonal skills	D
Knowledge/Skills/Abilities	
Good understanding of child development and learning processes	Е
Demonstrates knowledge of the key factors that can affect the way pupils learn	E
Good understanding of the primary curriculum and the age-related expectations of	E
pupils	
Good understanding of how to develop effective teaching sequences including using	E
a range of teaching methods	_
Good monitoring and assessment skills	E
Good knowledge of how to use ICT to advance pupils learning and for own benefit in a professional capacity	E
Good literacy and mathematics skills	Е
Good understanding of the SEND Code of Practice	E
Knowledge of a range of strategies to establish a purposeful learning environment	E
How to manage reward systems and adapt as necessary	F
Use of positive behaviour strategies	E
Willingness to try different approaches	E
Knowledge of Academy policies and practises regarding confidentiality, child	E
protection and safeguarding	
Ability to work as part of a team, including other professionals	Е
Ability to communicate observations to class teacher or other adults	E
Ability to defuse difficult situations and remain calm	E

Ability to assist in the preparation and management of resources	E
Ability to foster new relationships and nurture self-esteem	E
Able to confidently and competently apply knowledge and skills acquired from	E
training into a practical classroom context	
Ability to use own initiative with confidence	E
Able to remain professionally discreet and able to respect confidentiality	E
Able to plan and prepare lessons	E
Able to mark work in accordance with Academy policy and assess effectively in the	E
areas for which you are responsible	
Able to attend staff meetings	E
Other	
Be able to fully support the distinctive Christian ethos of the Academy	E
Have a commitment to the development and maintenance of positive partnerships	E
between the Academy, parents, parish, the community and wider Cidari Family	E
Commitment to undertake in-service development and other CPD	E
Commitment to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young	E
people	
Willingness to participate in and lead additional activities e.g. curricular activities	E
and events.	
Have a commitment to a high level of pastoral care	E
Good sense of humour	E