EYFS Teaching Assistant

We are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant **Level 2B (Grade 5)** whose main role will be class based. There will also be some short periods each day working with individuals on EHCP targets or those needing specific support. It is expected that the successful candidate will initially work in EYFS.

The successful candidate will be generally assisting the class teacher, as time and need allows, developing positive relationships with pupils and helping children to maximise their learning. It is essential that the candidates have experience of working with children who have special educational needs, along with being able to demonstrate expertise, knowledge and skills to support children with challenging behaviour and/or speech and language needs.

You should have relevant experience and have a proven record showing ability to:

* have lots of energy while being flexible, adaptable and able to use your own initiative;
* demonstrate good organisational skills, excellent communication skills and the ability to build good relationships with children, parents, staff and the wider community;
* demonstrate a wide knowledge and application of behavioural strategies, and clearly show how these can be implemented effectively to meet individual children's needs.

We are looking for someone who:

* will actively support and enhance the strong Christian tradition and ethos of the school;
* has very high expectations of pupil achievement, behaviour and an understanding of how all children learn best;
* has an excellent attendance record;
* is resilient, highly motivated and has a good sense of humour;
* approaches curriculum development creatively.
* Our school will offer the following:

- Wonderful children with supportive parents.
- A friendly, experienced and supportive staff team.
- A commitment to your professional development.
- An environment where you will be valued and celebrated yet challenged to improve.
- A commitment to your wellbeing - happy teaching assistants are good teaching assistants.
- A supportive Governing Body, who are dedicated in their support of the school.

Essential Qualifications: GCSE English (Grade C+) or equivalent. GCSE Maths (Grade C+) or equivalent. NVQ level 2 or above qualification appropriate to the post (or equivalent)

Desirable Qualifications: NVQ level 3 or above qualification appropriate to the post (or equivalent)

Previous experience in EYFS or working with SEND children on a 1:1 basis is desirable.
The post holder will be subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

Required: 30 hours per week over 5 days (845-315 Monday-Friday with 30min lunch break).

This is a fixed term post initially until 31.8.25- holidays will be paid. The position will be reviewed in Summer 2025 and may be extended, subject to budget.

Closing Date: **Friday 15th November 2024**

Provisional interview: date Thursday 21st November (afternoon)

To apply for the post, please use the Diocesan application form and return to the Headteacher – Mrs N Bitsakaki (head@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk)