**Summary**

**We are seeking to appoint a passionate and nurturing teaching assistant to join our happy and dynamic staff team. The role involves providing 1:1 support for a pupil with additional needs in our Reception class**.

St John’s Catholic Primary School is a school with excellent relationships with our pupils, families, parish and the wider community. We have a friendly and dedicated team of teaching and support staff and wonderful children. We are looking for a person who is friendly, has a positive attitude, who is hardworking and able to use their own initiative.

The post is for 5 days per week, 31.25 hours per week, term time only. This is temporary position initially until the end of the summer term, but may be extended subject to funding.

At St John’s Catholic Primary School, we offer:

* A welcoming school with a strong Catholic ethos.
* Friendly, well-mannered and enthusiastic children.
* Supportive and active governors and parents/carers.
* A passionate, positive and hard-working staff team.
* The opportunity to develop professionally and to make a real difference every day.

The successful candidate will:

* Care passionately for all our children and recognise their unique potential.
* Share the belief that every child can succeed.
* Establish supportive and constructive relationships with staff, pupils, parents and carers to promote pupil progress and attainment.
* Have high expectations of themselves and of others, demonstrating professional conduct at all times and a reflective nature.
* Be able to work both as part of a team and on their own initiative
* Work well with external agencies to ensure personalised provision is effective.
* Be flexible and adaptable.

Essential Experience

* Recent employment/experience in a primary school.

Desirable Experience

* Experience of working within Early Years.
* Experience of working with young children with SEND, ASD.
* Experience of working with children who have speech and language needs.

Essential Qualifications

* NVQ Level 2 or above, or equivalent, childcare qualification
* a minimum of 5 GCSEs, including maths and English at grade C/4 or above

Desirable Qualifications

* First Aid

Interested applicants are warmly welcomed and encouraged to visit our school and see for yourself what makes St. John’s the special place that it is. Please call the school office and speak with the Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Sayers.

**Closing date: 17/01/25 (12 noon)**

**Proposed Interview Date: 23/01/25**

**Start date: As soon as possible**

**Attached - Teaching Assistant 2(a) Job Description Grade 4
Attached – CES Support Staff Application Form**