**Job Title:**

Level 3 Teaching Assistant – Forest School Support

**Purpose of the Role:**

To support the delivery of high-quality Forest School sessions for pupils with a range of special educational needs, working under the direction of the Forest School Lead. The role involves promoting engagement, wellbeing, and skill development through outdoor learning, as well as maintaining the Forest School area to ensure it is a safe, inspiring, and inclusive environment. Some classroom Level 3 Teaching Assistant duties required.

**Key Responsibilities:**

**Supporting Children’s Learning and Development:**

* Work closely with pupils during Forest School sessions, encouraging active participation, curiosity, and independence.
* Help pupils work towards Forest School and personal development targets.
* Provide 1:1 or small group support as required, using a nurturing and child-centred approach.
* Adapt activities to meet the diverse needs of pupils, ensuring accessibility for all abilities.

**Supporting the Forest School Lead:**

* Assist with session preparation, delivery, and tidy-up, ensuring the smooth running of activities.
* Collaborate in the planning and review of outdoor learning sessions.
* Offer input on pupil progress, behaviour, and engagement during Forest School.

**Leading Activities (under direction):**

* Confidently lead small groups in practical Forest School activities such as tool use, nature exploration, den building, or sensory play.
* Encourage the development of outdoor skills in line with pupils' individual needs and EHCP targets.

**Site Maintenance and Development:**

* Support the upkeep and development of the Forest School and garden areas.
* Take part in practical site tasks such as planting, weeding, small construction projects, and resource organisation.
* Ensure all tools and materials are used safely and stored appropriately.

**Health, Safety & Safeguarding:**

* Promote and maintain a safe outdoor learning environment at all times.
* Follow school policies on safeguarding, risk assessments, and behaviour.
* Support emotional regulation and wellbeing in outdoor settings through consistent, compassionate support.

**Person Specification:**

**Essential:**

* Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification (or equivalent).
* Experience working with children with SEND.
* Passion for outdoor learning and child-centred approaches.
* Willingness to work in all weather conditions and engage in physically active tasks.
* Strong communication skills and a team player.

**Desirable:**

* Experience or training in Forest School or outdoor education.
* Knowledge of sensory processing and behaviour strategies.
* First Aid or Forest School First Aid training.

**Kingsbury Primary Special School Offers:**

* A supportive and welcoming staff team.
* A strong focus on inclusive, child-led learning through nature.
* Ongoing professional development opportunities.
* A chance to make a real difference in the lives of children with additional needs.

**To Apply:**
Please visit our website or contact admin@kingsbury.lancs.sch.uk for an application form.
**Closing Date:** 4th June 2025
**Interview Date:** 12th June 2025