

Post title:	Teaching Assistant Level 3
Salary and grade:	NJC 15-20 Actual Salary £23,126 - £25,108
FTE:	FTE £30,024 - £32,597
Line manager/s:	Centre Lead @ Lotus Hub
Hours:	Full time (32.5 hours)
Location:	Lotus Hub at Stocksbridge

Main purpose of the job:

To work under the guidance of teaching staff to implement work programmes with individuals or groups, in or out of the classroom. This could include those requiring detailed and specialist knowledge in particular areas. To assist the teacher in the planning and delivery of high quality learning and, management and preparation of resources.

Key duties and responsibilities

Responsible to the Class Teacher and Senior Leadership Team for providing support to pupils, the Class Teacher, the curriculum and school.

Support for pupils:

- Use specialist (Curricular / Learning) skills / training / experience to support pupils.
- Assist with the development and implementation of individual Education Plans.
- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils within the classroom.
- Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
- Encourage pupils to interact and work cooperatively with others and engage all pupils in activities.
- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance.
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement.

Support for Teacher:

- Work with the Teacher to establish an appropriate learning environment.
- Work with the Teacher in lesson planning, evaluating and adjusting lesson / work plans as appropriate.
- Monitor and evaluate pupils' responses to learning activities through observation and planned recording of achievements against pre-determined learning activities.
- Provide objective and accurate feedback and reports, as required, to the Teacher, on pupil achievements, progress and other matters, ensuring the availability of appropriate evidence.

- Be responsible for keeping and updating records, as agreed with the Teacher, contributing to reviews of systems / records as requested.
- Undertake marking of pupils' work and accurately record achievement / progress.
- Promote positive values, attitudes and good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with school policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Liaise sensitively and effectively with Parents / Careers as agreed with the Teacher within your role and responsibility and participate in feedback sessions / meetings with Parents / Carers.
- Administer and assess routine tests and invigilate exams / tests.
- Provide general clerical / administrative support e.g. administers coursework, produce worksheets for agreed activities etc.

Support for the Curriculum:

- Implement agreed learning activities / teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses / needs.
- Implement local and national learning strategies e.g. Literacy, Numeracy, KS3, Early Years and make effective use of opportunities provided by other learning activities to support the development of relevant skills.
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use.
- Help pupils to access learning activities through specialist support.
- Determine the need for, prepare and maintain general and specialist equipment and resources.

Support for the School:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to Child Protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person in accordance with policy.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos / aims of the school.
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies / professionals, in liaison with the Teacher, to support achievement and progress of pupils.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities as required.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to achieve and support others.
- Provide appropriate guidance and supervision and assist in the training and development of staff as appropriate.
- Undertake planned supervision of pupils' out of school hours learning activities
- Supervise pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required.

Other Duties

- Other such reasonable duties as determined and delegated by the Senior Leadership Team or Nexus MAT CEO, consistent with the grade of the post and the experience of the Post holder
- To have professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which you teach, and maintain high standards in your own attendance and punctuality.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

Health and safety

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must help us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

Safeguarding

Nexus Multi Academy Trust School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Person Specification

		Essential	Desirable
Qualifications, Skills & Knowledge	NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualification in childcare or education	•	
Experience	Experience of working with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	•	
	Experience of working with national curriculum and other strategies in a school environment		•
	Experience of working with pupils with SEMH Needs		•
	Experience of leading learning with groups of pupils		•
Thinking Ability	A passion for working with children and young people with Special Educational Needs	•	
	Hold high expectations for children and young people's learning and achievement	•	
	An understanding of relevant policies and awareness of relevant legislation	•	
	An understanding of national and foundation stage curriculums and accreditation	•	
	An understanding of child development	•	
	An understanding of Individual Education Plans	•	
	Ability to review learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities	•	
	The capacity to use ICT to improve the quality of provision	•	
	Awareness of the need to maintain confidentiality	•	
Personal Effectiveness	Good communication skills	•	
	Good interpersonal skills	•	
	A team player with a collaborative approach	•	
	Ability to manage own time, prioritise tasks and proven organisational skills	•	
	Positive, ambitious and forward looking	•	
	Resilient and easily adaptable to change	•	
	Honesty and integrity	•	
	Passionate and enthusiastic about making a difference	•	
	Child-centred and committed to achieving the best outcomes for pupils	•	
	Ability to work with children and young people that present challenging behaviour	•	
	Ability to form respectful and trusting relationships with a range of people including parents and carers	•	
	Capacity to motivate, inspire and challenge children, young people, self and others	•	
General	The flexibility to meet the full range of job requirements	•	

		Essential	Desirable
	A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people	•	
	Commitment to the school's aims and values	•	
	Demonstrate a firm commitment to the concept of Multi-Academy Trust and desire to see the Trust flourish and expand in a sustainable manner	•	
	An understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities	•	
	No serious health problems that will likely impair or impact on job performance.	•	
	Good attendance record in current employment (not including absences resulting from a disability)	•	
	To manage a workload and at times conflicting priorities as well as tracking progress on a wide range of tasks	•	
	Ability to remain calm under pressure showing resilience and the ability to prioritise work with competing deadlines	•	
	Full, valid UK driving license		•