

# **Job Description**

Job Title: Learning Support Assistant

**Reporting to:** Head of Boardman & SENDCo (Learning Support)

**Hours of Work:** F/T (45 hours per week, 35 weeks – part time / job share considered)

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term

## **General Role:**

- We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Learning Support Assistant (LSA) to join our team at Beachborough School. As an LSA, you will play a crucial role in supporting pupils helping them to reach their full potential.
- To be responsible for the education and welfare of the children under your care in accordance with the requirements of the Conditions of Employment of School Teachers, having regard to the values and mission statement of Beachborough School and implementing the policies as laid down by the Head and Governing Body.
- To share in the corporate responsibility for the discipline, wellbeing, and pastoral care of all pupils, including Prevent Duty.
- It is the responsibility of all staff to be able to source, understand and apply all school policies appertaining to their position.
- The successful candidate will be line managed by the Head of the Boardman and the Head of Learning Support.

## **Supervision Arrangements:**

• Observation of classroom support/additional input work by the Head of Boardman/ SENDCo

# Specific:

| In relation to pupils | <ul> <li>To support pupils to access the curriculum and lesson content through<br/>provision of appropriate clarification, explanations, modelling, equipment,<br/>and materials.</li> </ul>                                       |
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|                       | <ul> <li>To support pupils' social and emotional development.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>To provide additional input (e.g., withdrawal 1:1 or of small groups) where<br/>appropriate, delivering intervention programmes, providing pre-teaching,<br/>reinforcing learning, or developing study skills.</li> </ul> |
|                       | <ul> <li>To support pupils in improving motivation, confidence, and self-esteem.</li> </ul>  |
|                       | <ul> <li>To prepare equipment and resources to support pupils in line with their<br/>needs.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>To deliver specific programmes as advised by specialist/ other agencies<br/>involved with pupils (e.g., Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech &amp;<br/>Language Therapy, ICT Services).</li> </ul>                 |
|                       | <ul> <li>To support pupils at school events, on trips and at sporting fixtures.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>Under the guidance of the Head of Learning Support, maintain SEND<br/>records pertaining to pupils and contribute to the creation of IPPs.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>Ongoing liaison with parents/carers as required.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>Supervising children at break times and after school.</li> </ul>  |

| In relation to     | <ul> <li>To provide feedback to staff about pupils' specific SEND needs, identifying</li> </ul>                                  |  |  |
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| teachers           | potential barriers, and suggesting strategies and resources.   |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To support teachers and work collaboratively to plan and implement<br/>interventions.</li> </ul>                        |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To carry out assessments and observations, and feedback on outcomes.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To work pro-actively with all other members of staff to ensure the care and<br/>safety of all children.</li> </ul>      |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To be involved in record-keeping and evaluating the progress of pupils with<br/>SEND.</li> </ul>                        |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To work pro-actively with all other members of staff to ensure the care and<br/>safety of all children.</li> </ul>      |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To support the use of technology within the classroom.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| In relation to     | <ul> <li>Liaison with the Learning Success Department e.g., attending weekly</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| working with the   | meetings.  |  |  |
| Learning Success   | <ul> <li>To timetable and participate in CPD opportunities relating to SEND.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Team:              | <ul> <li>To take part in annual appraisal process.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| In relation to the | <ul> <li>To attend staff meetings, as directed.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| whole school       | <ul> <li>To support implementation of school policies and procedures, including</li> </ul>                                       |  |  |
|                    | those relating to confidentiality and behaviour.   |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>To identify personal training needs and to attend appropriate internal and<br/>external in-service training.</li> </ul> |  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>Undertake duties before, during and after the school day.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|                    | To review and develop their own professional practice.   |  |  |

#### **SAFEGUARDING**

At Beachborough, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's** responsibility. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is childcentred, this means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the **best interests** of the child.

The post holders **must** adhere to and ensure compliance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times. If, in the course of carrying out the duties of the post, the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school, he/she must report any concerns to the DSL.

Beachborough is committed to safeguarding, child protection and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo all necessary preemployment checks. Full details are given on the application form and the successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

# **Equal opportunities**

Beachborough School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from appropriately qualified persons regardless of gender, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, religion, disability, or age. Candidates will be assessed against relevant criteria only (i.e., skills, qualifications, abilities, experience) in selection and recruitment.

In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act, Beachborough School seeks to treat those with disabilities as favourably as those without disabilities. It will make reasonable arrangements, wherever practicable, to avoid putting those with disabilities at a disadvantage.

# **Person Specification**

| Area                            | Essential  | Desirable  |  |
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| QUALIFICATIONS                  | A good basic education to GCSE level in English and Maths, or the equivalent. A willingness to undertake further training  | Further relevant qualifications (e.g., NVQ, specific training relating to SEND). |  |
| Further relevant qualifications | Experience of working with   | Experience of working in a similar   |  |
| (e.g., NVQ, specific training   | children in an educational   | LSA role within a school.  |  |
| relating to SEND).              | environment.   |  |  |
| ,                               | Experience of working with   |  |  |
|                                 | children with SEND.  |  |  |
| KNOWLEDGE AND                   | The ability to provide effective   | A working knowledge of relevant  |  |
| UNDERSTANDING                   | support to pupils on their   | policies and legislation (e.g.,  |  |
|                                 | learning journey.  | safeguarding).   |  |
|                                 | Knowledge of SEN procedures  | Proficient in Microsoft Office   |  |
|                                 | and policies.  | applications particularly EXCEL  |  |
|                                 | Good communication skills  | and Word   |  |
|                                 | (verbal and written).  |  |  |
|                                 | A commitment to equality and   |  |  |
|                                 | diversity, especially within a   |  |  |
|                                 | school setting.  |  |  |
|                                 | A basic understanding of child   |  |  |
|                                 | development and learning   |  |  |
|                                 | processes.   |  |  |
|                                 | A basic awareness of   |  |  |
|                                 | policy/legislation relating to   |  |  |
|                                 | safeguarding.  |  |  |
|                                 | The ability to relate well to  |  |  |
|                                 | children and adults and  |  |  |
| DEDCOMAL                        | establish positive relationships.  |  |  |
| PERSONAL<br>CHARACTERISTICS     | A positive approach.   |  |  |
| CHARACTERISTICS                 | A desire to build positive relationships with both pupils and colleagues, fostering a supportive and inclusive classroom   |  |  |
| environment.                    |  | e and inclusive classicioni  |  |
|                                 | A genuine passion for working with children and helping them to  |  |  |
|                                 | succeed.   |  |  |
|                                 | A collaborative mindset, with the ability to work effectively as part  |  |  |
|                                 | of a team and contribute to the overall success of the school.   |  |  |
|                                 | A patient and empathetic approach, with the ability to provide emotional support and guidance to pupils when needed.  Excellent organisational and time management skills. |  |  |
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|                                 | The ability to adapt your approach and support strategies to meet  |  |  |
|                                 | the individual needs of pupils with diverse abilities and learning   |  |  |
|                                 | styles.  |  |  |
|                                 | The ability to work independently  | y and manage their own workload.   |  |
|                                 | A willingness to reflect, review ar  | nd see things from new angles.   |  |
|                                 | A sense of humour.   |  |  |
|                                 | Patience and the ability to be calr  | •  |  |
|                                 | A commitment to personal and p   | rofessional development.   |  |

## In return, we offer the successful candidate:

- A superb campus and a delightful, caring, school environment in which to work.
- The opportunity to work collaboratively with dedicated colleagues who share a passion for education and making a positive difference in the lives of our pupils.
- The chance to become part of a vibrant and inclusive school community, working together to create an inspiring learning environment for our pupils.
- Very supportive and considerate pupils that are keen to learn and make the very best progress.
- Dedicated and supportive governors, staff, and parents
- On-going professional development, with career progression opportunities.
- A leadership team that will provide you with help, support, and assistance.
- A remuneration package, including a competitive salary commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

Working hours: Monday- Friday 8-5:30pm (part-time and job share considered)

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