

## St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.



(cf John 8:12)

## PERSONNEL SPECIFICATION **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	How Identified
Relevant Experience	<ul> <li>Experience of working with children / young people.</li> <li>Experience of encouraging the development of relationships between children / young people.</li> <li>Experience of working with children with SEND and additional needs,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An understanding of children with Autism or other learning needs</li> <li>Experience of working with children who need extra support with their behaviour from time to time</li> <li>Experience of working in a School</li> </ul>	Application form Interview / References
Qualifications	<ul> <li>Basic Health &amp; Safety Awareness</li> <li>Knowledge of and commitment to Equality and Diversity and how this relates to the duties of the job</li> <li>Qualifications linked to working with children and/or working with children with additional needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Willingness to attend appropriate training courses to fulfil the functions of the job</li> <li>First Aid Qualification</li> <li>Qualifications in working with children with Autism</li> </ul>	Application form Interview / References
Special Skills and Attributes	<ul> <li>The ability to relate to children / young people from diverse ethnic / social backgrounds</li> <li>Verbal communication skills in order to liaise with children / young people and off staff members</li> <li>The ability to react in a positive manner to difficult situations which may arise amongst children / young people</li> <li>Ability to keep problems in perspective and be patient</li> <li>Able to read and understand simple verbal and written instructions</li> <li>Ability to work with children / young people exhibiting behaviour difficulties, which could include throwing or hitting out</li> </ul>	Aware of Health & Safety issues     Knowledge of child protection issues and procedures	Application form Interview / References
Social Skills	<ul> <li>Flexible approach to work</li> <li>Awareness of the importance for confidentiality</li> <li>Ability to work with a variety of different people</li> <li>Courteous and polite</li> <li>Ability to professionally liaise with outside agencies, and parents</li> <li>Resilience is a key personal skill needed for this role</li> </ul>	Previous experience of dealing with a range of people and behaviours     Sense of humour	Application form Interview / References
Motivation	Enthusiasm and energy to work as part of a team     Committed to providing a high quality service	•	Application form Interview / References



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	Ability to confidently support your allocated 1:1 child from the outset		
Physical Characteristics	Good attendance record and be in good physical health	•	Application form
	<ul> <li>Flexible approach</li> <li>Can work as a team but also independently</li> <li>Project professional image for the school</li> <li>Resilient and committed to improving the lives of our young people</li> </ul>		Interview / References
Disclosure of Criminal Record (DBS)	Clear enhanced DBS	•	Application form Interview / References