

Wellington School



Job Description Teaching Assistant – Visual Impairment Support

Responsible to – SENCO

Purpose of the Job

To provide dedicated 1:1 support for a visually impaired student, ensuring access to the curriculum and promoting independence.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the learning and development of a visually impaired student in line with their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Adapt and prepare learning materials as necessary to enable the student to access information and experiences efficiently
- Assist with the use of specialist equipment and technology
- Work collaboratively with the class teacher and SEND team to deliver tailored support
- To learn skills in non-sighted methods of communication
- To monitor sensory functioning, noting any changes that might indicate deterioration or problems with the use of assistive technology and reporting these changes
- To provide recommendation on any adjustments to support plans
- To provide support during examinations to ensure the student can access their assessments, developing skills in access arrangements and modifications available in exams
- To support with the use of Information Technology (IT) and educational aids, including computers, video and communication devices, under supervision as required
- Be aware of potential hazards and alert the student accordingly e.g., tech and science lessons
- To act as a link between teachers and professional support services to ensure all relevant staff are aware of student support needs and the progress the student is making
- To seek advice and guidance from teachers and specialist staff as and when required
- To undertake relevant research and training specific to meeting the needs of a student with visual impairment
- To work alongside other professionals and attend relevant meetings
- To liaise closely with parents/carers

General

- Be aware and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, safeguarding, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- To adhere to the school Health and Safety Policy including risk assessment and safety systems
- To adhere to the School Policy on Equality and Diversity
- To contribute to the overall ethos and aims of the school
- To appreciate and support the roles of other professionals
- Participate in training opportunities and professional development as required
- Support school events as and when required
- Undertake similar duties commensurate with the level of the post as required by the Headteacher

NOTE

This Job Description is designed to outline the main duties and responsibilities associated with the post but is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties performed.