

Job specification



Job title: Specialist Teacher of Vision Impairment

Service: Specialist Sensory Education Team

Grade: MS/UPS + 2 SEN points dependent on qualification

Reporting to: Liz Cumbo – Vision Support Coordinator

Your job

To provide specialist teaching support to children and young people, their families, schools, early years settings and in the home.

To contribute to the monitoring of appropriate and effective use of resources allocated to children with a Vision loss.

To work within the Specialist Sensory Education Team (SSET) to develop the council's response to the inclusion of children and young people with vision loss within mainstream schools, early years and specialist settings and the home to promote equality of opportunity and experience for these children and young people.

To improve the educational outcomes for students with vision loss.

To provide advisory, training and teaching support to enable schools and early years settings to meet the needs of children and young people with vision loss.

To work as part of an identified team whilst sharing expertise and working jointly with colleagues to promote better working practices.

To advise and support parents to meet the needs of a child with a vision loss.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Mandatory statement

The Council is committed to complying with the European General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and meeting the requirements of the Information Commissioner's office (regulating data protection compliance in the UK). It is your responsibility to ensure that the work you undertake is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations.

In this job you will

Support individual children and young people including those with EHC plans by:

- Assessing their needs and planning, teaching and overseeing individual learning programs in collaboration with school and other professionals.
- Maintain detailed records
- Write review/assessment reports and attend review meetings as necessary.
- Offer support and advice to teachers and SENDCOs in mainstream and special schools on issues relating to vision loss
- Liaise with other professional as necessary
- Oversee the work of non-teaching staff in the team working with children and young people with a vision loss
- Ensure you operate within GDPR guidelines by regularly reviewing data held and destroying information in line with retention schedules

In this job you will need

You must be able to demonstrate the following essential requirements: -

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

- Mandatory Qualification of Children and Young People with Vision Impairment (QTVI)
- Experience of teaching children and young people with a Visual Impairment (VI)
- Have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications or equivalent and have a willingness to learn new applications and technology as appropriate. Be able to advise on the use of IT for children and young people's access and deliver effective support/training opportunities.
- Competence in the use of ICT in the education of children and young people with VI.
- Experience of supporting a range of visually impaired pupils, both with VI as the primary need and those with complex additional needs.
- Experience of monitoring and evaluating outcomes for children and young people with VI and using these to inform practice.
- Ability to prioritise work pressures, manage time effectively and to meet deadlines
- Ability to develop innovative solutions to problems.
- Be a passionate champion of improving outcomes for children with SEND with high expectations for their success and a commitment to inclusive practices and equality of opportunity.
- Commitment to continuous professional development, service improvement and improving pupil outcomes.
- Excellent knowledge of Safeguarding children.

Our culture

For us, it's not just about all we achieve as an organisation, but how we do it. Therefore, all employees are expected to display our **Team Wigan** behaviours.

Be Positive... take pride in all that you do

Be Accountable... be responsible for making things better

Be Courageous... be open to doing things differently


Be Kind... be helpful, generous and thoughtful towards yourself and others


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Together we will


Deliver Deal 2030, working alongside our communities to make Wigan Borough an amazing and inclusive place to live and work, building a better future.

We will


 Genuinely care for you and your wellbeing.

 Champion a culture that inspires you to thrive.


 Listen and engage with you to bring your ideas to life.


 Celebrate your contribution and support you to reach your goals and aspirations.

I will

 Look after my wellbeing and be kind to myself and others.

 Work with others across #TeamWigan to be courageous, innovative and embrace technology.

 Share my ideas and be accountable for making things happen.

 Own my development and let my passion and positivity shine through.