

Teaching Assistant Apprentice Level 3

Ravenswood Special School

Brief overview of the role

We are seeking to appoint an Apprentice Learning Support Assistant to join our committed and enthusiastic team. The successful candidates will be committed to raising pupils' standards of achievement throughout the school day and in supporting pupils developing social and emotional development.

[Applications for apprenticeship](#)

Closing date

Monday 28th February 2022

Apprenticeship summary

- **Working week**

- Actual working hours: 31.26 hrs/ week from 8.40am -3.40pm Monday, 8.50am – 3.40pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. College day release – Wednesday. Working hours: 6.5hr/day with a 30mins lunch break. Term time only plus INSETs.
- Total hours per week: 31.26
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- **Annual wage**

Actual salary: £9,537.17 per annum

- **Expected duration**

18 months

- **Possible start date**

- March 2022

- **Apprenticeship level**

Advanced Level Apprenticeship

- **Reference number**

VAC001669398

• **Positions**

1 available

Vacancy description

Ravenswood is an all age Special School for pupils with complex needs. This includes pupils with severe learning difficulties, those with communication difficulties and those with emotional/social difficulties. We also have provision for autistic children.

We are seeking to appoint an Apprentice Learning Support Assistant to join our committed and enthusiastic team. The successful candidates will be committed to raising pupils' standards of achievement throughout the school day and in supporting pupils developing social and emotional development.

You will be providing support to the classroom teacher. Learning support staff play a vital role in today's classrooms by making sure students get the most out of lessons. You will work with teachers and learning support assistants and make a real difference to learning in for our pupils.

You will be working with children with complex special needs and will need to provide a full enhanced DBS check. You will work under the supervision of the class teacher; your duties may vary depending on how the teachers you work with plan their lessons and handle day-to-day classroom activities.

You could be:

- Supporting pupils' learning, individually or in groups, with reading, writing, counting, computing, science and other subject work
- Supporting pupils' learning, with creative activities such as drawing, painting, music, singing and dancing
- Reading stories to children and encouraging them to be interested in books
- Supporting the pupil's learning during PE, outdoor education or swimming lessons
- Supporting a pupil to develop their communication skills
- Helping the teacher prepare for lessons, collecting the materials and help keep records
- Attending training around pupils' SEND and putting this into practise
- Supervising the playground at breaktimes and the dinner hall at lunchtime
- Helping keep the classroom tidy
- Putting up displays of children's' work
- Photocopying materials for lessons
- Supporting pupils to manage their own behaviours

Salary will depend on previous experience and qualifications.

Requirements and prospects

Desired skills

- Good communication skills, both spoken and written
- Good interpersonal skills with colleagues, children and line-managers
- Confidence and accuracy in spelling, punctuation and basic number work
- Get on well with children and build good working relationships with them, teachers and support staff
- Working as part of a team
- Ability to take own initiative to support pupil's learning
- Flexibility to adapt to pupil's needs

Personal qualities

- Calm personality, with a sense of humour.
- Professional attitude when attending to routine and unexpected situations
- Patience with children of all abilities
- Understands others' needs and responds to these
- A flexible and adaptable nature
- An empathetic attitude

Desired qualifications

- Teaching Assistant Level 2 qualification or work experience working with children with SEND
- GCSE maths and English grade 4/C and above (or Level 2 equivalent)

Future prospects

This could lead to future roles such as a Learning Support Assistant or Teaching Assistant within Mainstream or SEND settings.

Things to consider

Ravenswood is an equal opportunities employer and an enhanced DBS check will be required.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the school website.

Questions for candidates

First question

Have you ever been barred from working with children/young people of vulnerable adults?

Second question

Why are you interested the Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with Ravenswood School?

About the employer

Employer

Ravenswood Special School

<https://www.ravenswoodschool.org.uk/>

Disability Confident

Employer is not registered as Disability Confident

Description

Ravenswood is a special school located on the outskirts of Nailsea. All pupils have statements of special educational needs and have moderate or severe learning difficulties with just over a third having a diagnosis on the autistic spectrum. The majority of pupils are transported in from surrounding towns and villages with a minority living locally.

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Training

Training provider

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Training to be provided

Teaching Assistant apprenticeship standard, which includes:

- Teaching Assistant (Level 3) Apprenticeship
- 1 day at College, day to be confirmed
- Assessor visits to the workplace
- Functional Skills in maths and English Level 2 (if required)
- End Point Assessment

Apprenticeship standard

Teaching Assistant