

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT

From September 2025

Reports to: The Head

Hours: Mon-Fri 7.45am to 4.15pm

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Communicate with the teacher in advance of lessons, and be familiar with plans
- Be aware of your role in each lesson; preparing resources as directed by the teacher in advance
- Assist the teacher in the observation of pupils, with assessment, with recording and reporting
- Assist in the administration of the Kent Test (11+) and ISEB examinations for secondary schools
- Deliver high quality lessons where the lead teacher is absent using their plans
- Help maintain records and reports on social and emotional needs of children
- Work with the teacher in communicating with parents
- Attend meetings arranged for any of the above purposes as required
- Aim for excellence and encourage pupils to do likewise
- Adhere to School academic policies, handbooks and routines
- Assist in the teaching of class or subject, being aware of Whole School context
- Liaise with Curriculum Support department, assisting in differentiated teaching as required
- Assist in the completion of reports according to School format and guidelines
- Help maintain systematic record of progress and achievement.

PASTORAL CARE

- Welcome the pupils each morning to the Old Hall and supervise Main School children until Choristers or classes open
- Communicate with the teacher and /or the Head and Deputy Head and inform them of any significant occurrences or concerns that might affect the teaching, learning or wellbeing of any children

- Record incidents when required, to the Head and Deputy Head on the pupil Records of Conduct and Meetings in accordance with School policy
- Maintain good order of pupils and safeguard their health and safety
- Report accidents to the School Administrator who maintains the accident book
- Ensure pupils respect each other and School property
- Work with pupils in self-care, self-activation and dispute resolution in accordance with behaviour management policies.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- Have high expectations of work and behaviour and use encouragement and, if necessary, agreed Russell House sanctions to achieve these
- Support and maintain loyalty to School at all times both during and outside School hours
- Attend weekly Staff Briefing, Monday CPD meetings and any other staff meetings as requested, and Inset days, the day before the start of each term and two days in September
- Take part in arrangements for further training and professional development as a teaching assistant, including formal appraisal
- Appraise yourself of School routines and expectations through the staff handbook, policy documents and contract of employment
- Undertake any reasonable tasks as required by the teacher, Head and/or Senior Management Team
- Undertake all reasonable duties which may include, lunch hall supervision and playground duty, deputising for absence where required
- When the opportunity arises, help develop School ethos, aims, values and standards
- Be familiar with and follow the school mission statement, Expectations of Behaviour and the SCHOOL and FRIENDS codes
- Understand the need for the School's unwritten 'give and take policy' in terms of commitment
- Embrace new practices
- Be professional at all times and dress in such a way as reflects the school ethos and satisfies the Code of Conduct for staff.

EVENTS

• Attend all school functions appropriately or as requested which may include evenings and weekends.

Russell House is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.