Kelford School

Application Pack
Level 1 Teaching Assistant

May 2020
Welcome to Kelford School

Our pupils

Here at Kelford School we put our children and young people at the centre of everything we do. We genuinely believe that ‘Every child is special’ and we are passionate about providing the very best quality of care and education for all our pupils.

At Kelford School we want all our pupils to be physically, mentally and emotionally healthy. We want them to make positive choices and contributions and lead increasingly healthy lifestyles. At Kelford School we promote individuality and independence and are passionate in the promotion of our pupil’s voices.

At Kelford School we provide a safe environment for learning and development and appose anti-discriminatory practice of any kind.

At Kelford School we inspire our pupils to achieve and succeed beyond all expectations, we strongly believe that all provision is pupil centred and is differentiated to meet the needs of all pupils.

At Kelford School we lead learning through innovative and creative practices that best suit the needs of each individual pupil; if children cannot learn the way we teach then we adapt to teach the way they learn. We want our curriculum to be outstanding and we want teaching in our school to be passionate.

At Kelford School we are active in our community and we enable our students to make positive community contributions. We want each pupil to be self-confident, sustain positive relationships and achieve good economic well-being that will prepare them for adulthood.

Our staff:

Kelford School recognises that our biggest and most valued resource is our family of colleagues. We are fully committed and supportive of all our colleagues and invest strongly in their personal and professional aspirations.

At Kelford School we want all our colleagues to be happy and succeed therefore we provide support of the highest standard and provide a wealth of training and guidance that enables all our colleagues to excel in their roles.

Kelford School is part of Nexus Multi Academy Trust. Nexus Multi Academy Trust was founded in 2016 and has the highest ambitions possible for anyone and everyone we work with. A team of 8 Special Schools and 1 Mainstream Primary in the South Yorkshire area form the trust and we work collaboratively together to provide our workforce with high quality training, experienced support and exciting career opportunities and we welcome anyone who wants to be part of our team.
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Letter to candidates

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Level 1 Teaching Assistant at Kelford School. The successful candidate will join the school at an exciting time in its development; we have recently become part of Nexus Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and are working hard with all the schools in the MAT to ensure we are providing the very best for all our children and young people.

The successful candidate will join a very experienced and knowledgeable team of Teaching and Support Staff and will have the opportunity to develop and grow their own practice, all fully supported by the Senior Leadership Team.

Kelford School are looking for individuals to join the team who have a passion for working with children and young people with complex and multiple learning difficulties; who want to advocate for our young learners and encourage and develop them to be the best that they can be. If you feel you have these skills and have experience of working in a school or similar environment we very much welcome your application. We usually encourage candidates to come and visit us and spend some time with our children and young people in the classroom however, during this Covid-19 Pandemic these visits are not available, however, if there is anything you would like to know about us please take a look at our school website, www.kelfordschool.com, or our social media sites or contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team at school.

Thank you for your interest in applying for a job in our school and please feel free to contact us if there is anything that you require help with. Further information about the job and how to apply can be found in the next few pages.
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Job description

Post title: Teaching Assistant – Level 1

Salary and grade: Band C
30 hours per week

Line manager/s: Class Teacher, members of the senior leadership team (SLT) and the governing body.

Main purpose of the job:
To support the planning and delivery of high quality care and learning for children and young people with severe learning difficulties and complex needs.

Duties and responsibilities:
Support for pupils:
- Supervise and support pupils, ensuring their safety and access to learning.
- Attend to the pupils’ personal needs and implement related personal programmes including social, health, physical hygiene, first aid and welfare matters.
- Establish good relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and responding appropriately to individual needs.

Support for the Teacher:
- Assist in ensuring that the learning environment is safe and purposeful for the pupils at the beginning and end of the day.
- Ensure that all resources and equipment are clean, hygienic and ready for use.
- To support children and young people in all areas of learning under the direction of the Teacher or HLTA.
- Monitor pupils responses to learning activities and record achievement and progress as directed.
- To encourage positive behaviour for learning.
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Support for the curriculum:

Undertake structured and agreed learning activities and teaching programmes with individuals.

Awareness of the current legislation regarding the curriculum, for example, National Curriculum, EYFS Curriculum and Accreditation.

Support for the school:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop.
- Contribute to the overall ethos, work and aims of the school.
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime.
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher.
- To undertake other duties and responsibilities as required from time to time commensurate with the grade of the post.
## Person Specification

| Experience of working with children and young people with special needs in a school setting. |
| A passion for working with children and young people with Special Educational Needs |
| NVQ Level 2 or equivalent qualification in childcare or education. |
| Experience in a school environment working with national curriculum and other strategies. |
| Ability to work with children and young people that present challenging behaviour |
| Good ICT skills and ability to use ICT to support pupils’ learning |
| Ability to use other technologies |
| Understanding of relevant policies and awareness of relevant legislation |
| General understanding of national and foundation stage curriculums and accreditation |
| An understanding of child development |
| Ability to review learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities |
| Ability to relate well to children and adults |
| Ability and understanding of working constructively as a team |
| Good communication skills |
| A knowledge of Individual Education Plans |
| To undertake the role of Key Worker for families where required |
| Positive, ambitious and forward looking |
| Committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people |
| A commitment to equal opportunities in the workplace and the community |
| A commitment to anti-discriminatory and anti-oppressive practice |
| Treat all people equally, fairly and with dignity and respect |
| Awareness of the need to maintain confidentiality |
| Conscientious, honest and reliable |
| Commitment to high standards |
Information for Candidates

Closing Date: Wednesday 20th May at 12 noon

Interview Dates: w/c 8th June

How to Apply:
If you would like to apply for the post of Level 1 Teaching Assistant, you will find an Application Form on our website, www.kelfordschool.com, which you can download and complete. We are asking that all forms are submitted electronically.

Your statement in support of your application, as a guide, should be around 2 pages in length and should address the selection criteria detailed in the Person Specification.

All completed application forms should be returned to Amanda Hobson or emailed to Kelford.vacancies@nexusmat.org, by the date and time of closing detailed above.

The application form plays a crucial part in the selection process, both in deciding whether you will be invited to an interview and at the interview itself. It is vital that you complete this form as fully and accurately as possible. We will not make any assumptions about your experience, knowledge, skills and abilities to do the job. Please ensure you read the Advertisement, Job Description, Person Specification and other accompanying information carefully before you start. All parts of the application form must be completed.