

Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich

Apprentice Teaching Assistant

32.5 hours per week, 38 weeks

To start Autumn Term 2020

Sidegate is a vibrant three-form entry primary school in the north of Ipswich. The school hosts a 25 place Specialist Support Centre for pupils with moderate learning difficulties, giving approximately 655 pupils on roll. The school boasts large grounds, an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and excellent ICT provision. We pride ourselves in the broad and engaging curriculum we offer our pupils; sport and culture feature highly and are used to enhance the curriculum in all areas. The school received a "Good" Ofsted rating in April 2017. Sidegate became an academy in May 2014 with The Active Learning Trust (ALT). ALT allows each of their schools to develop a curriculum that meets the needs of the pupils in the school. They work closely with the school, providing specialist advisory support as necessary. We work closely with other schools in the ALT Ipswich Hub and the Northgate Pyramid of Schools.

Teaching assistants at Sidegate work in conjunction with class teachers and/or SENDCo to provide carefully targeted support to individuals and small groups, through the use of precision teaching, pre-teaching, structured intervention programmes and in-class support. Training for these approaches is available in-house. We are able to actively encourage our apprentices to partake in any of our extra-curricular activities to enhance and broaden their learning experience.

We are recruiting an Apprentice Teaching Assistant to work primarily with EYFS and KS1 pupils. The successful candidate(s) will:

- Work alongside the teacher to create an effective environment for maximising pupil progress and learning;
- Take responsibility for leading the learning of individuals and groups;
- Explain things to pupils clearly and concisely, adapting key messages to individual learning needs including: literacy, language and communication skills;
- Think ahead - predict where the child/group/class will need your help as the lesson continues so that you can show readiness and forethought in planning for your support in the session;
- Confidently give feedback to pupils during the learning activity to encourage their participation and development of skills for independent learning;
- Provide appropriate feedback to the teacher on key issues;
- Be aware of supporting pupils' ownership of the task rather than creating over-dependency;
- Take responsibility for modelling and rewarding good and courteous behaviour in accordance with the school's behaviour policy;
- Constantly reinforce the values of good behaviour for learning in support of the teacher's aims for the lesson and the class/group, as well as at breaks and lunch times;

- Demonstrate, by your actions and expectations, that you value good relationships between pupils, accentuate positive behaviours, and exercise appropriate authority by acting to correct when necessary;
- Foster a trusting environment so that pupils feel you are open to listening to them and helping them solve their problems;
- Ask open and constructive questions to gain understanding about what the teacher needs pupils to achieve;
- Be watchful and observant about circumstances where pupils' pace of learning or attention could be an issue and take appropriate action to address this;
- Work constructively with the teacher to differentiate appropriately between the relative strengths of pupils so that they can be supported effectively.
- Provide personal care when necessary.

See job specification for further information.

Please return application forms along with a covering letter by the published deadline to Savannah La'Thangue, HR Assistant via email: savannah.lathangue@sidegate.net or by post to the school: Sidegate Primary School, Sidegate Lane, Ipswich IP4 4JD

Applications must be received by:

Interviews are scheduled for:

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