VYNERS SCHOOL



LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT - HEARING IMPAIRED RESOURCE BASE (HIRB)

Job Description

Core Purpose:

To work under the direction of the Teachers of the Deaf to support deaf students in the classroom. (NOTE: We are an auditory oral provision, therefore knowledge of BSL sign language is not required for this role).

Core Qualities:

- Comfortable dealing with students
- Sensitive to the needs of students with hearing impairments
- Keen to play a part in promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at the school and to act as an appropriate role model for young people.

Support for pupils:

- To monitor and support the student's use of hearing aids and related equipment.
- Supervise and support the student, ensuring safety and access to learning.
- Establish good relationships with the student, acting as a role model and being aware of and responding appropriately to individual needs.
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of the student.
- Encourage the student to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- Encourage the student to act independently as appropriate.
- Liaise with the class teachers regarding the student's provision and targets.
- Clarify and explain instructions to the student.
- Develop appropriate resources to support the student.
- Deliver structured programmes of intervention.
- Evaluate structured programmes of intervention.

Support for teachers:

- Be aware of the student's specific needs relating to their hearing loss and any other special needs they may have.
- Liaise with Teachers of the Deaf and other staff as appropriate.
- Undertake record keeping as requested.
- Support the teacher in managing the student within the classroom and reporting difficulties as appropriate.
- Gather/report information from/to parents/carers as directed.

Support for the school:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to student protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school.

Appreciate and support the role of other professionals.
Attend relevant meetings as required.
Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
Accompany teaching staff and the student on visits, trips and out of school activities as required.

Line Manager:
Head of Hearing Impaired Resource Base
Hours of Work:

8.30am to 4.00pm, Tuesday to Thursday. (30 minute unpaid lunchbreak)
8.30am to 3.00 pm Monday and Friday. (30 minute unpaid lunchbreak)

Total Hours:
33hrs per week (not inc 30 minute unpaid lunch break). Term time (188 days) + 5 INSET days – 193 in total. 1274 hours per annum

Signed:		Date:	
	(Postholder)		
Signed		Date:	
	(Line Manager)		

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Learning Support Assistant – Hearing Impaired Resource Base (HIRB) Person Specification

Essential:

- Good interpersonal skills, capable of interacting well with students and other members of staff
- Good negotiating skills
- Calm, approachable
- A patient and positive outlook
- A good listener
- Clear verbal communication
- A team player
- Attention to detail
- Good all round IT skills (MS office products)

Desirable:

- Previous experience of interacting with the deaf community
- Previous experience of working as an LSA