**Teaching Assistant** Person Specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Method of assessment** |
| **Qualifications** | * Good basic education to GCSE level in literacy and numeracy, or the equivalent
 | * A relevant qualification in Childcare and/or Education
* A First Aid qualification
 | Production of applicant’s certificates |
| **Experience** | * Experience of working with young children
 | * Experience of working with young children in play schemes, crèches, after-school clubs or similar
* Experience of working in the Independent sector
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| **Skills** | * Ability to assist children on an individual basis, in small groups and during whole class work
* Clearly explain tasks and foster children’s independence
* Can successfully supervise children, modelling defined behaviour management policies
* Ability to work with guidance, but under limited supervision
* Liaise and communicate effectively with others
* Demonstrate good organisational skills
 | * Is able to suggest alternative ways of helping children if they are unable to understand
* Can describe, in simple terms, the process of behaviour management with children
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| **Knowledge** | * Knowledge of the needs of young children
* An understanding of child development and the ways in which children learn
* Knowledge of positive behaviour management strategies
* Knowledge of safeguarding children
 | * Knowledge of National Curriculum EYFS, Key Stages 1 and 2
* Knowledge of how to monitor, record and make basic assessments about individual progress
* An awareness of the roles played by various adults in a child’s education
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| **Personal competencies and qualities** | * Enthusiasm and a positive outlook
* The ability to work independently and collaboratively as a member of a team
* Creativity in problem solving together with a willingness to take on or try new approaches and ideas
* A positive attitude towards professional development and their own learning
* Reliability and integrity
* Good personal organisation.
* Good attendance record
 | * Ability to work under pressure
* Sense of humour
* Flexibility
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