**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 | Application form  Interview  References |
| **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 | Application form  Interview  references |
| **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 | Application form  Interview  References |
| **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 | Application form  Interview  References |