



THE ABBEY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION – 1 year post (with possible extension)

POST TITLE: Classroom Assistant – Special Educational Needs (Pts 11-14)

RESPONSIBLE TO: The Principal through SENCO Officer / Bursar

JOB PURPOSE:

Under the direction of the SENCO Officer / Bursar, assist with the educational support and the care of the pupil(s) with special educational needs who is/are in the teacher's care in or outside the classroom.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The precise duties of the post will be determined by the Principal/ SENCO Officer / Bursar.

1. SPECIAL CLASSROOM SUPPORT

- 1.1** Assist the teacher with the support and care of pupil(s) with special educational needs e.g. enable access to the curriculum, attend to personal needs including dietary, feeding, toileting etc.
- 1.2** Develop an understanding of the specific needs of the pupil(s) to be supported.
- 1.3** Assist with authorised programmes (e.g. Education Plan, Care Plan), participate in the evaluation of the support and encourage pupil(s) participation in such programmes.
- 1.4** To contribute to the inclusion of the pupil in mainstream schools under the directions of the class teacher.
- 1.5** Assist with operational difficulties and non invasive medical/clinical difficulties pertaining to pupil(s) disabilities.
- 1.6** Support in implementing behavioural management programmes as directed.
- 1.7** Assist pupil(s) in moving around school and on and off transport.

2. GENERAL CLASSROOM SUPPORT

- 2.1** Assist pupil(s) learn as effectively as possible both in group situations and on their own by assisting with the management of the learning environment through:
 - clarifying and explaining instruction;
 - ensuring the pupils are able to use equipment and materials provided;
 - assisting in motivating and encouraging the pupil(s) as required;
 - assisting in areas requiring reinforcement or development;
 - promoting the independence of pupils to enhance learning;
 - helping pupil(s) stay on work set;
 - meeting physical/medical needs as required whilst encouraging independence;
- 2.2** Be aware of school policies, procedures and of confidential issues linked to home / pupil / teacher / school work and to keep confidences appropriately.

- 2.3 Establish a support relationship with the pupils concerned.
- 2.4 Prepare and produce appropriate resources to support pupil(s) and take care of material for play sessions.
- 2.5 Supervise groups of pupils, or individual pupils on specified activities including talking and listening, using ICT, extra curricular activities, and other duties, as directed by the class teacher / officer.
- 2.6 Under the direction of the teacher, and following an appropriate risk assessment, assist with off-site activities.
- 2.7 Provide continuity of adult care of e.g. supervising play and cloakrooms including hand washing, toileting etc.
- 2.8 Provide supervision/support including the administration of prescribed medicines and drugs for children who are ill and deal with minor cuts and grazes.
- 2.9 Ensure as far as possible a safe environment for pupils.
- 2.10 Report to the class teacher any signs or symptoms displayed which may suggest that a pupil requires expert or immediate attention.

3. ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 Assist with classroom administration.
- 3.2 Assist the class teacher and/or other professionals with the implementation of the system for recording the pupil(s) progress.
- 3.3 Contribute to the maintenance of pupil(s) progress records.
- 3.4 Provide regular feedback about the pupil(s) to the SENCO Officer.
- 3.5 Duplicate written materials, assist with production of charts and displays, record radio and television programmes, catalogue and process books and resources.

4. OTHER DUTIES

- 4.1 Attend relevant in-service training.
- 4.2 Assist work placement students with practical tasks.
- 4.3 Such other duties as may be assigned by the Principal SENCO Officer / Bursar within level of the post.

It is acknowledged that the contents of this generic job description are not subject to appeal.

DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 defines working directly with children or young people or in specified places as ‘regulated activity’.

In the event that you are recommended for appointed to a post that involves ‘regulated activity’, the School will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure of Criminal Background. **Please note that you WILL be expected to meet the cost of an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate. Details of how to make payment will be sent to you at the pre-employment stage.**

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