

Job Description: Learning Support Assistant

Location:	Ark Burlington Danes Academy
Contract:	Permanent
Working Pattern:	Term Time, 36 hours per week
Salary:	Ark Support Staff (Inner London), Band 4, Pay Points 3 – 7 (£22,607 - £24,278 prorated in line with hours worked)

The Role

In this role you will support the Inclusion team, and the wider school community, by taking responsibility for the engagement and learning of students identified as having social, emotional, mental health and behavioural needs.

Key Responsibilities

Support for Students and Teachers

- Support all vulnerable children and act as Key Worker to students with Special Educational Needs and Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
- Work with students on an individual and/or small group basis, in and out of lessons
- Plan and implementing strategies for students on the Pastoral Support Programme, ensuring students adhere to accepted behavioural norms
- Develop resources for students with SEN and/or SEBD
- Support staff members in creating an effective and safe learning environment, by dealing with behaviour that disrupts learning, and providing coaching and peer support to staff members to develop behaviour management strategies
- Work with teachers to assess the needs of individual children, implement Individual Behaviour Plans and monitor their use and effectiveness
- Develop whole school and student group anti-bullying strategies and awareness work

Support for the Inclusion Team

- Develop and monitor the impact of student specific engagement activities
- Monitor the progression of all identified students and implement interventions
- Analyse and provide feedback on behaviour data to the Inclusion Lead
- Research and share current behavioural information and advice with the Inclusion Team
- Follow up student issues such as bullying investigations, restorative work, taking student statements and mediation work
- Facilitate activities as directed by the Inclusion Lead including, with appropriate training, self-esteem, anger management and social skills work

Other

- Actively promote the safety and welfare of our children and young people
- Ensure compliance with Arks data protection rules and procedures
- Liaise with colleagues and external contacts at all levels of seniority with confidence, tact and diplomacy

- Work with Ark Central and other academies in the Ark network, to establish good practice throughout the network, offering support where required

This job description is not an exhaustive list and you will be expected to carry out any other reasonable tasks as directed by your line manager.

Person Specification: Learning Support Assistant

Qualifications

- English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C or above (or equivalent)
- Certified teaching assistant course or training or commitment to work towards these

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Experience establishing successful learning relationships with students at the relevant age, treating them consistently with respect and consideration
- Experience and/or understanding of the Learning support role
- Experience of working with outside agencies and families (desirable)
- Ability to communicate effectively with students, parents and multi-agencies partners
- Knowledge and understanding of how to effectively implement particular strategies and routines to help students to improve their learning and to establish outstanding behaviour management
- Good numeracy and literacy skills
- Good administrative, organisational and computer skills

Behaviours

- Genuine passion for and a belief in the potential of every pupil
- A robust awareness of keeping children safe, noticing safeguarding and welfare concerns, and you understand how and when to take appropriate action.
- Belief that every student should have access to an excellent education regardless of background
- Professional outlook, detailed orientated and able to multi task and meet deadlines
- A team player that can work collaboratively as well as using own initiative
- Calm and professional under pressure
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality and discretion
- Flexible attitude towards work and demonstrates sound judgement

Other

- Right to work in the UK
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent English is an essential requirement for the role.

Ark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our academies. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process. This process is outlined [here](#), but can be provided in more detail if

requested. All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.