

HLTA Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	 The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant should: Have HLTA status (or qualified teacher experience). Be able to demonstrate levels of numeracy and literacy to GSCE (A-C). 	In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might have: • Other relevant qualifications (e.g., Foundation Degree in Education) • Training in relevant strategies e.g. literacy/numeracy
Experience	 The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant should have experience of: Working with children in school for a minimum of two years. Working with children who have special educational needs/EAL. Planning and teaching individuals, groups and whole classes. A good awareness of inclusion, especially within a school setting. 	 In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might have experience of: Leading and managing other support staff. Training or expertise in a relevant curriculum or other learning area (e.g. ICT, maths or literacy).
Knowledge and Understanding	 The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant should have knowledge and understanding of: HLTA Standards. Relevant policies, codes of practice and legislation including safeguarding. The National Curriculum particularly literacy and numeracy. Behaviour management strategies. 	In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might have experience of: Multi agency working. First Aid.
Skills	 The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant will: Have effective oral and written communication skills. Form effective professional relationships including team working. Have good organisational and time management skills. Have sound ICT skills. Be able to demonstrate the HLTA standards. Be able to plan effective activities for children at risk of underachieving. Develop their knowledge through the evaluation of their own learning needs. Be able to work independently. Remain calm under pressure and be able to adapt to change quickly. Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on children's achievements and progress. Assist with the development and implementation of Provision Plans. 	The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might also be able to: • Use coaching and mentoring skills with adults and learners. • Demonstrate leadership and line management skills.

Other	The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant will be able to:	
	 Attend school training sessions. Have empathy with those facing barriers to their learning. An understanding of and a genuine commitment to Inclusion. 	