Early Years Teaching Assistant Person Specification.

Experience	<u>Essential</u>
	Experience working with children in Early Years.
Qualifications/Training	<u>Essential</u>
	 Excellent numeracy/literacy skills - G.C.S.E. English and Maths or equivalent
	 NVQ 3 or L 3 Diploma for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification
	 Training in the relevant strategies e.g., literacy and/or in a particular curriculum or learning area-
	<u>Desirable</u>
	Appropriate first aid training
	 Specialist skills/training in curriculum or learning areas e.g., phonics, bi-lingual, sign language, ICT.
Professional skills, knowledge	<u>Essential</u>
and understanding.	 Clear understanding of the role of the Early Years Teaching Assistant.
	 Ability to guide, observe, accurately assess, and feedback upon the learning support undertaken.
	 Working knowledge and experience of implementing national/foundation stage curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies.
	 Good understanding of child development and learning processes.
	 Understanding of statutory frameworks relating to teaching.
	 Full working knowledge of relevant polices/codes of practice and awareness of relevant legislation.
	Ability to work as part of a team, and lead when required.
	Be able to provide a stimulating, organised and educationally rich learning environment.
	 Constantly improve own practice/knowledge through self-evaluation and learning from others and actively seek training opportunities.

	 Ability to relate well to children and adults. Work constructively as part of a team, understanding classroom roles and responsibilities and your own position within these.
Personal qualities	 Essential Able to form and maintain excellent relationships at all levels. Committed to working with parents to promote educational and social development of children. Committed to working with children in a manner that best ensures an excellent learning relationship. Committed to upholding confidentiality and work with discretion, sensitivity, and respect always. Ability to learn and develop professionally. Warmth and openness in relationships with children. Excellent communication skills. Highly organised. Energy, resilience, self-motivation, and sense of humour. Be prepared to add to the whole life of the school and be willing to contribute to the range of extra-curricular activities and PTA/school events.