South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Level 2 (N3) Learning Support Assistant – Part Time (0.6 – 3 days per week)

- Salary Range: £26,427 per annum. Actual Salary: £11,756 per annum.
- Fixed term until 31.08.27 in the first instance with the potential to be made permanent – To start as soon as possible
- 19.5 hours per week, term time only + 1 training day

This post attracts the Real Living Wage. Please note that this is a supplement to your hourly rate and is not a contractual payment or a change in grade. Your grade remains the same, but your pay will be 'topped up' to bring your hourly rate to £14.10.

The governors wish to appoint a creative, hard working and child-centred Learning Support Assistant to come and work in our wonderful school.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate their commitment to working as part of an effective and cohesive team who all want the very best for our children and families.

As with all members of staff at South Gosforth First School, the successful candidate will actively endorse and deliver the vision of our school, which is centred around giving our pupils 'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly', as well as supporting our curriculum drivers: Character – What kind of people we are, Culture – How we learn about the world and all of the people who live in it, Creativity – How we use our imaginations & Challenge – How we make ourselves better every day.

We are looking for a skilled and effective practitioner with passion, enthusiasm and energy who:

• Is an excellent learning support assistant!
• Is creative and proactive in their approach to teaching and learning.
• Is flexible and can use their initiative to meet the needs of the children and the demands of the classroom.
• Is an inclusive practitioner with ambitious standards and high expectations for all pupils.
• Has exceptionally high expectations of themselves.
• Is well organised and highly motivated.
• Possesses excellent interpersonal and communication skills and enjoys working in a team.

In return, we offer:

• A supportive Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body
• A dedicated staff team
• Happy, enthusiastic children
• High levels parental engagement
• A vibrant and happy school environment.
• An inclusive and supportive ethos.
• Collaborative working with the Gosforth Schools' Trust

South Gosforth First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to obtain an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the DBS and be successful against a range of other recruitment checks.

Under normal circumstances, candidates are encouraged to visit the school by arrangement, however this is not compulsory and applications will still be accepted from candidates who aren't able to attend a visit to school in advance. If you would like to come for a short visit, please contact Lyndsay Palmer in the school office on 0191 2853453.

Application form, safer recruitment form, person specification and job description for the role are available on our school website here: https://www.sgfs.uk/careers

The closing date for applications is **12 noon on Friday 20th of November 2026.**

Application forms and safer recruitment forms should be emailed to admin@sgfs.uk. Please note that we will not be accepting any hard copy applications. Candidates will be requested to sign all documentation in person if successfully shortlisted.

Shortlisting will take place on **Friday 20th of November** and candidates will be informed if they have been shortlisted for interview on either **Friday 20th of November or Monday 23rd of November**. Interviews will take place during the **week beginning Monday 23rd of November.**

THIS POST INVOLVES WORKING WITH CHILDREN.
Please note that in all cases written references will be taken up and made available to interviewers BEFORE the final selection stage, even if candidates indicate otherwise. Please also note than online checks will be carried out on all shortlisted candidates.