Person Specification: Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

	Essential	Desirable	How Identified
Application	Well-presented application including information regarding experience, skills and suitability for the post.		Application Form
	Fully supported in reference.		References
Qualifications	The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant should have:  • Relevant qualification at a level equivalent to at least NVQ Level 3	In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might have:  • Other relevant qualifications (e.g. Foundation Degree in Education)	
	HLTA status	<ul> <li>National Vocational Qualifications in Supporting Teaching and Learning</li> <li>First Aid Certificate</li> <li>Evidence of further study or professional qualifications</li> </ul>	Application Form  Qualification  Certificates
Experience	The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant should have experience of:  • Working in a primary school • Working under the direction of a teacher • Planning, preparing and delivering learning activities to groups and classes • Training or expertise in a relevant curriculum or other learning area (e.g. SEND need, ICT, Maths or English) • Working with children with a range of needs • Managing pupil behaviour • Communicating with pupils, staff, parents and other professionals • Assessing, recording and reporting on development and learning progress. • Dealing with minor injuries	In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might have experience of:  • Leading and managing other support staff	Application Form References Interview

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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 Primary Phase of the National Curriculum and/or EYFS Curriculum	In addition, the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant may also have knowledge and understanding of:  • Multi-agency working	Application Form  References  Interview  Lesson Observation
Skills	<ul> <li>The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant will be able to:</li> <li>Work constructively as part of a team</li> <li>Prioritise and manage time effectively</li> <li>Demonstrate good organisational skills</li> <li>Communicate/interact with children and adults in a friendly and professional manner</li> <li>Manage behaviour effectively</li> <li>Plan, prepare and deliver successful learning activities to groups and classes</li> <li>Assess pupil learning, maintain records and produce reports as necessary in relation to these assessments</li> <li>Adapt to change and respond to pupil needs in a timely manner</li> <li>Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing</li> <li>Motivate and engage pupils in learning activities</li> <li>Use ICT knowledge and skills in the learning environment.</li> </ul>	The Higher-Level Teaching Assistant might also be able to:  • Use coaching and mentoring skills with adults and pupils	Application Form References Interview Lesson Observation

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	The Higher -Level Teaching Assistant will be:	
Personal	• A Practising Catholic and/or supportive of our Catholic ethos.	Application Form
	<ul> <li>Adaptable</li> <li>Able to take direction and use own initiative equally well</li> </ul>	References
	<ul> <li>Calm and have a positive approach</li> <li>Pro-active in their approach to work</li> </ul>	Interview
Qualities	<ul> <li>Discrete and maintain confidentiality</li> <li>Kind, caring and sensitive to the needs of others</li> </ul>	
	Able to demonstrate high expectations and standards	Lesson Observation
	<ul><li>Resilient</li><li>Willing and able to contribute to extra-curricular</li></ul>	
	activities	
	<ul> <li>Committed to the whole life of the school</li> </ul>	