TEACHING ASSISTANT WITH FOREST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES job description

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working with children under the direction of the class teacher and the Forest school lead:

- To support learning of individuals and groups of pupils and assessment of children, providing regular
- feedback to the class teacher(s).
- To give 1-1 support for statemented/EHCP pupils as required.
- To discuss and follow the teacher's plan for the lesson/day/week, including reading with children.
- To assist with the general management and organisation of children and resources/equipment.
- To include preparing and cleaning away materials and resources and to help set up wall displays.
- To assist with the planning, organising and supervising of educational visits and outings.
- To work with and support individuals or groups of children on specific activities set by the teacher or in child-initiated activities, such as reading, writing, practical, creative, physical, recreational activities and environmental studies.
- To support the planning, delivery and evaluation of Forest School sessions and outdoor learning activities, promoting children's confidence, independence, resilience and wellbeing.
- To hold a recognised Forest School qualification or be willing to undertake Forest School training and gain the qualification within an agreed timeframe.
- To assist with the supervision of children:
  - within classroom settings
  - during school assembly
  - at play times
  - on outings and educational visits
  - using the cloakroom/toilets/washrooms
  - changing before and after PE activities
  - undertake break time and midday supervision
- To assist children as appropriate:
  - with the attainment of personal hygiene skills
  - with the removal and replacement of clothing/footwear
  - with toileting
  - who require cleaning and/or changing following sickness, soiling etc
  - attending to first aid needs and recording accidents

- To attend appropriate in-service training.
- To keep up-to-date with the latest requirements for the safeguarding of pupils, understand them and act upon them where necessary.
- To be aware and follow school procedures and policies.
- The duties of this post may change from time to time without changing their general character or level of responsibility entailed.

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