# JOB DESCRIPTION and PERSON SPECIFICATION

SCHOOL: Oakfield School POSITION NO:

SECTION: GRADE: 6

JOB TITLE: Learning and Behaviour DATE PREPARED: 30/11/2016

Support Mentor

**EVALUATION DATE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 **JE NUMBER:** NSG293

**DIGNITY AT WORK:** To show, at all times, a personal commitment to treating all stakeholders and colleagues in a fair and respectful way, which gives positive regard to people's differences and individuality (for example, gender, gender identity, nationality or ethnic origin, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age). Assists in ensuring equal access to services and employment opportunities for everyone and promotes the Equal Opportunities in Employment Policy adopted by the school.

#### PURPOSE:

To work under the instructions and guidance of teaching staff within and outside the classroom to:

- Provide effective support as required
- Support the academic, social, emotional and development of individuals and groups of pupils understanding clearly how pupils' learn
- Provide effective support to maximise the attainment and accelerate the progress of individuals and groups of pupils

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:							
Please note decision making must be included within the Principal Accountabilities							
Support for pupils							
Be proactive in the promotion of the welfare, health and safety of children and young people, including assisting in the maintenance of a safe environment for pupils and staff.							
Assists with the development and implementation and evaluation of Individual							
Education/Behaviour Plans PHPs, Risk Assessments and End of Term Reports.							
Supports children's growth, confidence, positive attitude and intellectual development.							
Establishes constructive, positive and respectful relationships with pupils and interacts with them according to individual needs.							
Promotes the inclusion, engagement and participation of all pupils and carries out Home Visits.							
To develop positive one to one 'mentoring' relationships with identified students in order to help achieve action plan targets. To maintain regular contact with the families and carers of mentored students, keeping them informed of the students' needs and progress and seeking to secure positive family support/involvement.							
Sets challenging and demanding expectations and promotes self-esteem and independence.							
Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress towards academic, social, behavioural and learning to learn skills.							

### **GENERAL:**

The above principal accountabilities are not exhaustive and may vary without changing the character of the job or level of responsibility. The post-holder must be flexible to ensure the operational needs of the school are met. This includes the undertaking of duties of a similar nature and responsibility as and when required, throughout the various work places in the School and before and after the school day.

#### **DIMENSIONS:**

# All sections should be completed – if there aren't any state 'none'

# 1. Responsibility for Staff:

None.

# 2. Responsibility for Stakeholders/Clients:

Under the direction of the Teacher/Senior Leader, responsibility for an identified group of pupils.

# 3. Responsibility for Budgets:

None.

# 4. Responsibility for Physical Resources:

Safe use, moving and storage of all equipment used in the course of the role.

### **WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:**

# All sections should be completed – if there aren't any state 'none'

### 1. Within Service Area/Section:

Responsible for pupils in their daily care, colleagues within the school, parents and Governors.

# 2. With Any Other Areas (where applicable)

Educational support staff and educational support services.

Other schools and educational establishments.

# 3. With External Bodies to the School

Responsible for engaging in training.

Public Services.

Community Representatives.

Local Authority.

# **ORGANISATION CHART:**

#### Headteacher

# **Deputy Headteacher**

Learning and Behaviour Support Mentor

	Tick relevant level for each category						
	Not applicable	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Intense	Supporting Information (if applicable)
PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Physical Effort and/or Strain — (tiredness, aches and pains over and above that normally incurred in a day to day office environment).				<b>✓</b>			The School is a day SEMH special school with a residential provision. Students display behaviours which may require physical intervention
WORKING CONDITIONS: Working Conditions – (exposure to objectionable, uncomfortable or noxious conditions over and above that normally incurred in a day to day office environment).			<b>✓</b>				Exposure to verbal aggression, physical aggression and persistent disruptive behaviour from students
EMOTIONAL DEMANDS: Exposure to objectionable situations over and above that normally incurred in a day to day office environment.				✓			The School is a day SEMH special school with a residential provision. Students display behaviours which can cause distress and anxiety for the staff dealing with it

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1. Qualifications:							
1.1	GCSE English and Maths Grade A-C (or equivalent – eg Certificate in Adult Literacy / Numeracy Level 2)	V		AF/CQ			
1.2	NVQ Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification or equivalent	V		AF/CQ			
1.3	Safeguarding Level 1			AF/CQ			
1.4	Bespoke training relevant to role, including First Aid, Team Teach			AF/CQ			
2.	Relevant Experience:						
2.1	Significant experience of working with children with complex social, emotional and mental health needs	V		AF/R			
2.2	Assisting teachers in accurately assessing the performance of pupils and providing appropriate feedback to the teacher		$\sqrt{}$	R/I			
2.3	Experience of assisting in the maintenance of pupils' records			R/I			

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2.4	Involvement in supporting the education of pupils who are identified as SEND and have identified action plans	$\sqrt{}$		AF/I
2.5	Effective use of ICT to support teaching and learning	$\sqrt{}$		R/I
2.7	Delivered intervention with positive measurable impact in relation to Literacy and numeracy development	<b>V</b>		R/I
3.	Skills (including thinking challenge/mental demands):			
3.1	Ability to be flexible to adapt to changing workload demands and new school challenges	$\sqrt{}$		R/I
3.2	Motivation to work with children and young people.	$\sqrt{}$		R/I
3.3	Competent ICT skills	$\sqrt{}$		R/I
3.4	Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.	V		R/I
3.7	Ability to work independently with groups of pupils or individuals	V		R/I
3.8	To be able to physically intervene if necessary and understand the importance of being able to keep a child safe	V		
4.	Knowledge:			
4.1	Understanding of child development and how children learn		I V	R/I
4.2	A knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting	V	<b>V</b>	R/I
4.3	the welfare of children and young people Understanding of National Curriculum and other codes of practice eg SEND, Equalities	1		R/I
4.4	Working knowledge of ICT including use of Ipads, Microsoft Office and email	<b>V</b>		R/I
4.5	Knowledge of Health and Safety requirements			1
5.	Interpersonal/Communication Skills: Verbal Skills			
5.1	Relates well to children by recognising age / stage of development and individual needs	V		R/I
5.2	Ability to interact well using courtesy, tact and diplomacy and negotiation skills	1		R/I
5.3	Ability to establish professional, effective working relationships with a range of partners/colleagues and children and young people.	V		R/I
5.4	Speaks clearly and accurately using grammatically correct spoken English			R/I
5.5	Ability to work constructively and proactively as part of a team, understands classroom roles and working within this position as part of a team	1		R/I
5.6	Effective communication skills to model good practice for pupils and stakeholders	1		R/I
5.7	Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and to actively seek learning opportunities	1		R/I

Written Skills							
Highly competent written skills, including spelling and grammar	-,	AF	·/R				
including use of ICT							
To be able to produce concise and accurate written reports	V						
To be able to provide written evidence in accordance with the							
policies of Oakfield School							

The requirements listed below are not considered during the job evaluation process, but are essential requirements for the role that will be assessed during the recruitment process.

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6	Additional Requirements:			
6.1	Maintains high levels of confidentiality at all times			R/I
6.2	To hold a valid driving licence		V	AF
6.3	To be able to cope with 'emotionally challenging' situations and	1		R/I
	to act appropriately under pressure			
6.4	Makes a commitment to the wider life of the school including			R/I
	'going the extra mile'			
6.5	Ability to present a smart professional image in line with the			R/I
	Code of Conduct of the school			
6.6	Engage in additional training and development including being			AF/I
	proactive in identifying own development needs			
6.7	Self-motivation and personal drive to complete tasks to the			AF/I
	required time scales and quality standards			
6.8	Strives for excellence and ways to improve their own			AF/R
	performance and the performance of the school			
	Disclosure of Criminal Record:			
	The successful candidate's appointment will be subject to the			DBS
	School obtaining a satisfactory Enhanced and Barring List			Disclosure
	Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (if ticked as			
	an essential requirement).	ļ.,		
	If the post-holder requires a DBS disclosure the candidate is			AF/EOI
	required to declare full details of everything on their criminal			(After
	record.			short
				listing)
	If the post-holder does not require a DBS disclosure the		N/A	AF/EOI
	candidate is required to declare unspent convictions only.			(After
				short
				listing)