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Job Advertisement

SEND Teaching Assistant (Temporary)

Location: Heather Garth Primary Academy, Billingley View, Bolton Upon Dearne, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 8ES

Contract Type: Temporary Fixed-Term. *There may be an opportunity for the post to become permanent, subject to staffing needs and funding.*

Start Date: September 2026

Salary: Grade 3 £25583 - £25989 (pro rata) plus additional hours for breakfast club

Hours: 30 hrs Per Week + additional breakfast club support – Term Time Only

Working Pattern: 8.30am – 3.10pm with an occasional 7:30am start required to support Breakfast Club provision.

Heather Garth Primary Academy is seeking to appoint a caring, patient and committed **SEND Teaching Assistant** to support neurodiverse pupils within our inclusive primary school.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who is passionate about supporting children with additional needs and enabling every pupil to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

The successful candidate will work closely with the class teacher, SENDCo and wider staff team to support pupils with a range of needs including autism, ADHD, speech and language needs, sensory differences and social communication difficulties.

Experience supporting pupils with complex needs and **training in Positive Handling (or willingness to undertake training)** is highly desirable.

This is a temporary position offered on a fixed-term basis. There may be an opportunity for the post to become permanent, subject to staffing needs and funding.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide 1:1 and small-group support for neurodiverse pupils
 - Support communication, emotional regulation and learning development
 - Implement behaviour support strategies and individual plans
 - Promote independence, wellbeing and inclusion
 - Use de-escalation strategies and safe positive handling techniques where appropriate
 - Support pupils during transitions, playtimes and structured learning
 - Occasionally support the school's Breakfast Club from **7:30am**
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We Are Looking For Someone Who:

- Has experience working with children with SEND or neurodiverse learners
 - Is **Positive Handling trained** or willing to complete training
 - Demonstrates patience, empathy and resilience
 - Can build strong, supportive relationships with pupils
 - Works effectively as part of a team
 - Is committed to safeguarding and inclusive practice
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We Offer:

- A welcoming and supportive school community
- Training opportunities including Positive Handling where required
- A collaborative and experienced staff team
- Enthusiastic and friendly pupils
- Commitment to staff wellbeing and professional development

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Please email for an application pack to g.slater@heathergarth.org

Packs can also be downloaded from the school website www.heathergarth.org

Closing Date: 15th June 2026

interview Date: WC 22ND June 2026

Heather Garth Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and safer recruitment procedures.