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**Learning Support Assistant (GTA SEN)  
Whitby School**

**Recruitment Information Pack**

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## Whitby School

Whitby School is a new school; an exciting development for the Whitby community. Our school will be a positive, warm, and welcoming school where pupils will aim to do their very best and take pride in their achievements. By constantly challenging our pupils to excel, we will nurture aspirations and strive to cultivate a lifelong love of learning in our young people.

We are looking for colleagues who will provide a creative, safe, and caring environment where every child is known and cared for as an individual. In this climate, every young person can thrive as they develop in personality, character and intellect and become a highly successful learner and individual.

We believe we can provide a unique education for our young people. As a school at the heart of the community it serves, we will work in partnership as a school community to ensure our children not only receive a broad and balanced education but also allow them to enjoy the area they live in and make a positive wider contribution to the area.

At Whitby School, every pupil will be known, valued, and cared for as an individual. We will celebrate our pupils' talents, achievements, and successes, and understand and support pupils where they need help. We believe that every pupil has the ability, strength, talent, and determination to achieve their potential. As a school, we will therefore aim to provide our pupils with the very best education possible, by providing a wide and comprehensive curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Whitby School will open in September 2024 following the merger of Eskdale School, Caedmon College and Whitby Sixth Form. The school will be split across two main sites: Lower School (Y7 & Y8) will be based on our Airy Hill site and Upper School (Y9-Y13) will be based on our Prospect Hill site.

If you are looking for your next career move, then join us as we look forward to beginning an exciting new chapter for secondary education in Whitby.

## Application Process

The closing date for all applications is **12 noon, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Interviews will be held week commencing **7<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Apply via the NYC Jobs Page**

Please contact us if you need an application form in a different format.

Unfortunately we do not accept CVs.

An email will be sent to shortlisted candidates with details of the interview process.

***When applying please take into account the following:***

### **Supporting Information**

**The supporting information section** of your application should clearly evidence your ability to meet the requirements we have outlined in the person specification (see application pack). This will be used to shortlist applicants for this role and therefore it is imperative that you provide evidence as requested.

### **References**

When completing your application, please provide two employment referees. Generally, this is your current and most recent employer.

### **Queries**

Informal chats with our Headteachers are welcomed. For queries or to arrange a call with the Headteacher / Head of Department, please contact:

**Chloe Bullen at [Chloe.Bullen@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Chloe.Bullen@northyorks.gov.uk) or on 01609 536 964**

We actively welcome you to contact us to chat through the role and talk informally about the school/post and how working here will make a real difference to the children and young people in the area.

*Please note this post is in regulated activity and exempt from the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore subject to an enhanced DBS certificate and barred list check. An online search may be conducted for successfully shortlisted applicants.*

## Job Description

<b>POST:</b>	<b>Learning Support Assistant</b>
<b>GRADE:</b>	<b>Grade CD</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	<b>Head Teacher / Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Senior Advanced Teaching Assistant/ SENCO/Inclusion Manager</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE FOR:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>POST REF:</b>	<b>JOB FAMILY: 7</b>
<b>JOB PURPOSE:</b>	To work with teachers to support teaching and learning by working with individuals or small groups of students under the direction of teaching staff/the SENCo. To be responsible for some learning activities within the overall teaching plan, to support staff and students. May work in the classroom or appropriate location within the College, with access to support and guidance as required. The postholder may be asked to work across our Federation or in an area of our specialist provision, such as in our Alternative Provision facility, as directed by the SENCo.
<b>JOB CONTEXT:</b>	This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and young people. We have a robust Child Protection Policy and all staff will receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment at the School. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children. An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English
<b>ACCOUNTABILITIES / MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
<b>Supporting Learning &amp; Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support pre-planned learning/behaviour activities as directed by the teacher</li> <li>• Using agreed, structured observation as directed by the class teacher to feedback on learning, behaviour, participation and achievement, to support the planning and evaluation of the learning process in respect of groups and individual students</li> <li>• Interact with pupils in ways that support the development of their ability to think and learn, including the use of careful questioning</li> <li>• Assist teachers in the implementation of appropriate behaviour management and teaching &amp; learning strategies</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support pupils in their social and emotional wellbeing, in implementing related programmes, including social, health and physical needs</li> <li>• Assist in escorting and supervising pupils on educational visits and out of school activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake break supervision as required</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the general direction of the teacher, participate in establishing and maintaining effective relationships with pupils, parents/carers and with other agencies/professionals</li> <li>• Communicate effectively with all pupils, families, carers and other agencies/professionals</li> </ul>
<b>Sharing Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information confidentially about pupils with teachers and other professionals, as required</li> <li>• Pay due regard to professional boundaries, maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality</li> <li>• Participate in staff meetings as required</li> </ul>
<b>Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children &amp; Young People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out tasks associated with pupil's personal hygiene and welfare, including personal intimate care, physical and medical needs, whilst encouraging independence</li> <li>• Be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of pupils in line with policy and legislation, raising concerns as appropriate</li> </ul>
<b>Administration/Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the teacher and work as directed in preparation of the classroom and resources for planned work to take place</li> <li>• Undertake routine clerical duties as required</li> <li>• Support the use of ICT and adhere to relevant policies</li> <li>• Supervise and provide access arrangement for pupils sitting internal and external examinations and tests, ensuring that examinations comply with Examination Board Regulations</li> <li>• Participate in appraisal, training and other learning activities</li> </ul>
<b>Data Protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To comply with the Council's policies and supporting documentation in relation to Information Governance this includes Data Protection, Information Security and Confidentiality</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of and implement your health and safety responsibilities as an employee and where appropriate any additional specialist or managerial health and safety responsibilities as defined in the Health and Safety policy and procedure</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with colleagues and others to maintain health, safety and welfare within the working environment</li> </ul>
<b>Equalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote inclusion and acceptance of all pupils</li> <li>Within own area of responsibility work in accordance with the aims of the Equality Policy, treating individuals with respect for their diversity, culture and values</li> </ul>
<b>Flexibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Yorkshire Council provides front line services, which recognises the need to respond flexibly to changing demands and circumstances. Whilst this job outline provides a summary of the post, this may need to be adapted or adjusted to meet changing circumstances. Such changes would be commensurate with the grading of the post and would be subject to consultation. All staff are required to comply with County Council Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>
<b>Customer Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council requires a commitment to equity of access and outcomes, this will include due regard to equality, diversity, dignity, respect and human rights and working with others to keep vulnerable people safe from abuse and mistreatment</li> <li>The County Council requires that staff offer the best level of service to their customers and behave in a way that gives them confidence. Customers will be treated as individuals, with respect for their diversity, culture and values</li> </ul>
Date of Issue:	May 24

### Person Specification

Essential upon appointment	Desirable on appointment
<b>Knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good understanding of child/ young people's development and learning processes</li> <li>Understanding of individual children and young people's needs</li> <li>An understanding that children/Young people have differing needs and knowledge of inclusive practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of Behaviour Management techniques</li> <li>Knowledge of Child Protection policies &amp; Procedures</li> <li>Knowledge of Health &amp; Safety legislation</li> <li>Knowledge of inclusive practice</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate experience working with children in an education setting</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Occupational Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good written and verbal communication skills: able to communicate effectively and clearly and build relationships with a range of staff, children, young people, their families and carers</li> <li>• Behaviour management</li> <li>• Good reading, writing and numeracy skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrable ICT skills and ability to use them as part of the learning process, or, the ability to develop ICT skills in a reasonable timeframe</li> </ul>
<p><b>Qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant NVQ Level 2 or equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate first aid training</li> <li>• SEN-Support assistant related training</li> </ul>
<p><b>Personal Qualities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrable interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Ability to work successfully in a team</li> <li>• Able to exercise judgement</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> <li>• Flexibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creativity</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced DBS clearance</li> <li>• To be committed to the school's policies and ethos</li> <li>• To be committed to Continuing Professional Development</li> <li>• Motivation to work with children and young people</li> <li>• Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people</li> <li>• Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours and attitudes</li> <li>• Ability to use authority and maintaining discipline</li> <li>• An empathy for equality &amp; diversity</li> <li>• The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post</li> </ul>	



# APPLYING FOR A JOB WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

## IMPORTANT ADVICE ON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Your application form plays an important part in your selection. Please ensure you address all the essential requirements listed in the specifications. The following advice should help you to complete the application form as effectively as possible.

### Data Protection

The information that you state on this application form will be used by the school and the Council to consider you for a job vacancy. To find out about how we use your personal data for the purposes of recruitment please see our Privacy Notice at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/working-us](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/working-us).

### Rehabilitation of Offenders

The post you are applying for requires you to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children, with a barred list check if you work in regulated activity. This check for disclosure of criminal history will include spent convictions, pending prosecutions / current court proceeding and police enquiries.

Should you be shortlisted, you will be asked to disclose full details of your criminal history prior to your interview. This includes any information deemed relevant as part of Keeping Children Safe in Education which may arise in an online search undertaken on shortlisted candidates. This information may be discussed with you at your interview in order to assess job related risks, but we emphasise that your application will be considered on merit and ability and you will not be discriminated against unfairly. Failure to disclose this information will result in any offer of employment being withdrawn.

Please also see the policy statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders below.

### Information in Support of your Application

Every post advertised is supported by a full person specification. The specification lists all the essential skills, experience and qualifications which are necessary for the job and the criteria against which you will be assessed, both through your application form and at interview.

As part of the application process, you may have been asked to demonstrate within this application form how you meet some or all of the criteria or key competencies outlined in the person specification. Rather than simply repeating your career history, look at the skills and experience required by the job and provide evidence that you possess them by giving **specific and detailed examples** which include a focus on outcomes and on your own contribution to the scenario. Try to use different and varied examples wherever possible.

When completing these sections, do not forget the skills and experience you have gained outside full-time work. Outlining your previous work experience or other responsibilities may help you to uncover skills which you have taken for granted and which are clear signs of your ability to do the job.

### Canvassing

You must not try to influence an elected Council Member, any council employee or a member of the school governing body, to act in your favour, as this will disqualify you. If you are related to a Councillor, a Council employee or a governor you must indicate this in the relevant section of the application form.

## Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders (Source [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

1. As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order using criminal record checks processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), this school complies fully with the DBS [code of practice](#) and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly.
2. This school undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
3. This school can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that it is legally entitled to know about. Where a DBS certificate can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) order 1975 as amended, and where appropriate Policy Act Regulations as amended) this school can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected.
4. This school is committed to the fair treatment of its staff and potential staff, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, responsibilities for dependents, age, physical/mental disability or offending background.
5. This school has this written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is made available to all DBS applicants at the start of the recruitment process.
6. This school actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records. Candidates are selected for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience and criminal record information is only requested from short-listed candidates.
7. A disclosure is only requested from the DBS after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a criminal record check is identified as necessary, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that a DBS certificate will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position.
8. This school ensures that all those who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences.
9. This school also ensures that they have received appropriate guidance and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders, e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
10. At interview, or in a separate discussion, this school ensures that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment.
11. This school makes every subject of a criminal record check submitted to DBS aware of the existence of the [code of practice](#) and makes a copy available on request.
12. This school undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.