

**Post: Teaching Assistant Level 2 (SCP 7-8)**

**£14,790 per annum (actual salary, pay award pending) 32.50 hours per week Term Time only**

**Temporary contract until 31/08/2021**

Whinstone Primary School is a highly successful primary school based in Ingleby Barwick. We have:

- A positive and caring ethos and working atmosphere
- Friendly children, eager to learn and achieve
- A committed, enthusiastic and supportive staff team
- Excellent support from the Governing Body, the staff and parents

We strive to ensure that our school environment is attractive, welcoming, safe, secure and conducive to learning. The school environment is of real importance and its maintenance and development is the concern of all involved in the school with both children and staff encouraged to take a pride in their surroundings.

We are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant – with experience of working with children who have development disorders, autism and communication and interaction difficulties. The role involves working one to one in early years supporting individual pupils and the wider classroom.

**The successful candidate must have:**

- Experience of working in an educational provision and ideally relevant qualifications in Learning Support and Autism Awareness.
- A calm, understanding and friendly personality
- The ability to manage behaviour and help students focus on any given task, encouraging pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher.
- A professional, nurturing and resilient approach.
- Commitment and dependability within the workplace with ability to use your own initiative.
- An understanding of Autism and development disorders
- The confidence to address conflict and challenging behaviour, once trained.
- The willingness to work flexibly and constructively as part of a team, providing day to day classroom support to the children and assisting with pupil behaviour as and if required in a supportive manner.
- The ability to establish good relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and responding to individual needs.
- The capability to work with Teachers and the SENCO to ensure progress and development.

The Vision Academy Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will need to undertake a DBS enhanced clearance.

For further information about the role and to download an application form, please visit [www.whinstone.org.uk](http://www.whinstone.org.uk) and send your completed application to: Mrs D Harrison, Trust HR Officer, C/O Whinstone Primary School, Lowfields Lane, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton on Tees. TS17 0RJ or email to: [vacancies@valt.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@valt.org.uk)

**Closing date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 8.30am**

**Interviews will be held: w/c 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**