**Support Assistant – Special Needs**

**Supporting pupils with speech and language difficulties**

**37 hours per week**

**Salary: NCC grade N5 starting at £22,627 FTE**

**Contract type: Fixed term until July 2021, to start as soon as possible. Term time only plus 5 training days**

Are you a psychology or speech and language graduate seeking a Support Assistant post supporting pupils with speech and language difficulties? It could be you have qualified in Linguistics or English Language but are committed to supporting pupils with Speech & Language issues?

St John’s Primary School is currently looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated graduate Support Assistant to join our team.

We are seeking an individual who thrives on feedback and has a drive to constantly learn and develop. Providing an open, friendly working environment for you to grow in, the role will include supporting pupils with speech and language or communication difficulties, sharing creative approaches for working with pupils with SEN, liaising with parents and a range of professionals. You will work under the direction of our experienced SENCO and as part of our Early Years/Key Stage One team.

We are looking for:

* A calm and patient person, who is able to see the potential in all of our pupils and be inspirational for them
* Someone who is nurturing and supportive, with high expectations
* The ability to support in the delivery of high quality learning experiences, sometimes on a 1:1 basis and sometimes in a small group
* Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
* Confident in ICT and willing to learn new skills
* The ability to work independently, showing initiative, as well as being part of a team, co-operating and collaborating with other staff
* Qualifications to 2:1 degree level or equivalent
* Basic knowledge of SEND and learning barriers, and of some of the social issues facing students from disadvantaged backgrounds
* Experience of working directly with young people in an education or training environment, ideally working in a similar role in a school

St John’s Primary School is strongly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure and barred list check plus a range of other recruitment checks.

An application pack is available to download from the school website [www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk) Applications may be returned via email to tracey.caffrey@stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk

Closing date for applications is **Monday 2nd November**

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact the headteacher via e-mail tracey.caffrey@stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk