

Therapy Assistant

- Salary details: Pay Band 6, SCP 16 – 21, Starting Pay Point 16 £31,525 (pro rata)
- Employment Status: Term Time + 2 weeks
- Hours: 32.5
- Hours Regularity: Per Week
- Contract Type: Permanent
- Closing date: 1 November 2026

Start Date: As soon as possible

Winchelsea School is a community special school committed to meeting the needs of pupils, aged 4 to 19, with a wide range of learning difficulties. We collaborate closely with local schools, who host our satellite classrooms at Kinson Academy, Old Town Infant School, Stanley Green Infant Academy, Canford Heath Junior School, Broadstone Middle School and Magna Academy.

Therapy Assistants have a wide-ranging role supporting the school Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to support and develop pupil's communication, motor and sensory needs.

The post holder will work under the guidance of an allocated member of the Senior Leadership Team and will be supported and supervised by the relevant therapists responsible for delegating work to them.

Assist the Therapy team in developing, implementing and managing therapy provision and delivery, including:

- a) supporting speech, language, communication and feeding needs for pupils on the Speech and Language Therapy caseload;
- b) supporting sensory, visual processing and fine and gross motor needs for pupils on the Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy caseload;
- c) managing pupil behaviour through improving communicative, sensory and physical skills;
- d) have a specific caseload of pupils involving delivering one-to-one, small group and/or whole class therapy interventions for Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and this may include off-site Horse Riding Therapy.
- e) establishing and maintaining relationships with individual pupils and groups;
- f) supporting class teams to implement therapy recommendations;
- g) contributing to the provision of a high-quality therapy support service for pupils, teachers, the curriculum and the school;
- h) keeping records of therapy sessions and interventions delivered;
- i) contributing to the preparation, organisation and maintenance of therapy resources and equipment. This includes assistance with creating more complex visuals, communication aids and therapy-specific resources.

Candidates should be aware that all staff might, at times, be required to work at one of our satellite settings, therefore having a driving license and access to a personal vehicle is essential.

If you would like to discuss this position further, then please contact Jessica Woodrow (Senior Speech and Language Therapist) at j.woodrow@winchelsea.poole.sch.uk or on 01202 746240.

We would also be interested in hearing from you if are able to offer part-time hours.

Should you wish to apply for this vacancy, please review the role profile and complete the application form which can be found at www.winchelseaschool.co.uk/vacancies. Please send your completed application form to recruitment@winchelsea.poole.sch.uk.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share the same commitment. The appointment will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, and rigorous checks of shortlisted candidates background credentials.

If you have not been contacted by the school by 9 November 2026, then could you please assume that your application has been unsuccessful.