## St Osmund's Middle School Teaching Assistant

## Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Achieved CSE/GCSE/O level or equivalent qualification in English and Maths	Knowledge of KS2/3 curriculum  Knowledge of supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs
Knowledge, Understanding & Experience	Knowledge of Safeguarding procedures  Understanding of how different children develop and learn  A willingness to attend courses as required to enhance knowledge, understanding and skills to improve level of quality and support.	Experience of encouraging positive social interaction  Understanding of barriers some children face when accessing school and learning  Experience of behaviour management strategies
Skills	Motivated and organised Able to use own initiative  Skills of empathy, listening, communication and responding with appropriate language  Qualities required are discretion, loyalty, commitment patience, flexibility, good personal organisation and team player.  Able to work positively and sensitively with colleagues, parents, a range of professionals and other pupils  Willing to attend and contribute to school staff meetings and INSET	Willingness and ability to contribute to the wider life of the school.  Competent user of ICT both for self and as a learning tool  Willingness to seek opportunities towards continuous professional development  Ability to adapt practice accordingly