The Willows Primary School

Required from as soon as possible

Specialist SEND Unit Teaching Assistants x 2

Salary: Grade 3 (pt 6)
Location: Ipswich, Suffolk
Contract type: 30 hrs a week (39 weeks a year)
Contract term: Permanent
Closing Date: Monday 2nd November

In September 2026 we were thrilled to open *The Rockpool* — our specialist SEND provision for up to 12 Key Stage 1 children with Communication and Interaction needs, including autism spectrum disorder.

Due to continued growth, we are now seeking enthusiastic, caring and motivated Teaching Assistants to join the founding team of this exciting new provision. This is a wonderful opportunity to help create a nurturing and inclusive environment where children feel safe, understood and inspired to achieve their full potential.

As a patient, positive and committed practitioner you will:

- Help create a calm, safe and stimulating learning environment where every child feels valued and supported
- Build warm and trusting relationships that help children develop confidence, communication and independence
- Work closely with teachers and the SENDCo to support children's individual learning, communication and emotional regulation needs
- Use visual supports, structured routines and communication-friendly strategies to support pupils to access learning activities successfully and develop self-help, independence and life skills.
- Contribute to observations and records of pupil progress
- Support inclusion opportunities within the wider school community
- Show flexibility, teamwork and a willingness to learn as part of a dedicated and supportive team
- Ensure every day counts for every child

In return we can offer:

- A welcoming and supportive school community
- High-quality training and professional development opportunities
- The chance to work alongside experienced staff and external professionals

- A school that values your contribution and encourages you to develop your skills and confidence
- The opportunity to be part of something truly special from the very beginning and make a genuine difference to the lives of children and families every day
- A warm welcome from our wonderful children when you visit

If you are passionate about supporting children with SEND and believe every child deserves to feel successful, included and valued, we would love to hear from you.

Come and help us build something extraordinary at The Rockpool.

Please note: We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.