Petersgate Infant School – Learning Support Assistant

Job/Person Summary

Petersgate Infant School is an Ofsted rated 'Good' school tucked away within the village of Clanfield, located in the South Downs. We are a caring, supportive & inclusive school community within extensive grounds used for outdoor learning opportunities including gardening in our very own allotment on site.

With a focus on supporting 'the whole child', Petersgate is proud to be a myHappymind school with a passionate pastoral team incorporating our ELSA, Family Support Leader and Outdoor Learning opportunities.

We are looking for a friendly, flexible and professional person to work in our school supporting children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). We believe that by 'Working together to achieve the best' we can be a team around the child to help to nurture and develop every child to ensure they enjoy learning.

The successful candidate, under the direction of the SENDCo and Class Teacher, would be supporting children with a range of needs, including speech & language, social & communication and behaviour & inclusion. We are looking for a candidate who works well as part of a team, is passionate about working with children and really wants to make a difference.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a least GCSE grade C or equivalent in Maths & English
- Have experience of working with pupils in school setting
- Have experience working with a range of needs including speech, language and communication needs, social, emotional and mental health needs and/or children who are neuro-divergent.
- Be able to deliver interventions and/or programmes and feed key information back to the teacher
- Be able to work with the teacher to plan and deliver learning activities (including those defined in programmes from professionals)
- Have a firm, sensitive and effective approach towards positive behaviour management
- Able to liaise with outside agencies
- Have a calm, caring approach towards children
- Be happy to work both inside and out, no matter what the weather!
- Have high expectations
- Be able to work independently and with initiative to adapt to situations as they arise
- Be resilient, flexible, organised and resourceful
- Have an understanding of confidentiality and safeguarding
- Have good communication skills
- Be a team player and have a positive 'can do' attitude
- Have a sense of humour!

As well as:

- Be prepared to undertake further professional development
- Have experience working in a school
- Have a positive outlook and a sense of humour

In return, we can offer:

- A successful, welcoming, inclusive and caring school
- Friendly and motivated children who are eager to learn
- Hard working, committed and supportive colleagues
- A bright and vibrant environment, both inside and outside
- A Learning Support Dog who provides nurture and support for emotional well-being for everyone!

Application Procedure

Visits to the school are highly recommended and encouraged.

Please email Laura Carter <u>adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk</u> for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

All applications must be on the HCC Support Staff Application form and emailed to the above address before the deadline to be considered.

** Please note the school office will be closed for half term 27th-31st October 2025 **

Closing Date: Friday 7th November 2025 at Midday

Interview Date: Wednesday 12th November 2025

Hours of work: 8:40am – 3:20pm, Monday to Friday, term time only (30min break)

Salary: Grade C: £17,963 approx per annum (£13.05 per hour)