

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

JOB DESCRIPTION

DEPARTMENT Children's Services

POSTHOLDER:

SECTION Inclusion, Learning and Achievement

GRADE: APT&C SO1 (TTO)

POST DESIGNATION: Senior Autism Outreach Worker

Purpose of Job:

- I. To provide high quality support to staff in relation to the raising of educational achievement. Improving social/emotional and independence skills of pupils with autism through the provision of specialist knowledge and skills via individual programmes and groups.
- II. To promote the awareness of the needs of autistic students within schools, supporting them to become autism friendly settings.
- III. To prepare and provide person centred appropriate resources to support the inclusion of pupils.
- IV. To deliver autism training to staff and parents such as Awareness of Autism and Social Stories.
- V. To identify a range of imaginative solutions or responses for pupils with autism in order to promote inclusion, attainment and for positive outcomes.
- VI. To support and mentor the development of the Outreach Workers within the team.
- VII. To support children with challenging and unpredictable behaviours.

Main Duties:

1. To set targets and plan programmes for designated individual children. To be responsible for a caseload of children/young people with autism, being responsible for reporting on children's progress and seeking advice and support on their management as appropriate.
2. To support staff, such as Learning Support Assistants, teachers and Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs), in the implementation of learning programmes outlined in the initial specialist Advisory Teacher/Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) reports for

individual students, promoting strategies to support the child's communication and independence.

3. To provide structured specialist support sessions such as Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Social Stories, 5 point Scales, etc., as well as programmes for complex students at risk of exclusion or being re-integrated via the Fair Access Panel, and school refusers, and to support students in understanding their diagnosis through 1:1 sessions.
4. To run groups in schools to support social communication skills e.g. Social skills groups.
5. To evaluate individual programmes and adjust activities according to pupil's responses and needs, in discussion with team and staff, including Social skill resources that, are relevant to the group/individuals, targeting areas of need.
6. To contribute to the assessment of pupils, provide information and reports as required, on the achievements of pupils and monitor progress against pre-determined learning objectives.
7. To initiate discussions with the specialist teachers/SALT on issues relating to children's placement/level of support. As appropriate, support families in transition visits to prospective mainstream and special schools.
8. To keep detailed records and write reports on each child's progress based on careful observations and assist in the assessment of the child's special education needs according to the Special Educational Needs (SEND) Code of Practice.
9. To ensure confidential, accurate and up to date records, that may be used for providing evidence of progress in a range of situations e.g.in parental appeals and disputes. To include video and photo evidence, data sheets to record the child's progress on specific interventions, completion of learning journals, production of personal passports and personal profiles.
10. To set up, demonstrate and develop, a wide range of agreed learning activities and specialist intervention strategies to staff building their capacity to continue to support children with Autism, including;
 - PECS
 - Core and Fringe Boards
 - Intensive interaction
 - Social stories
 - 5-Point Scales
 - Comic Strip Conversations
 - Early social communication skills programmes
 - TEACCH
 - Attention Autism
 - SPELL
11. To plan input to support students to make transitions across key stages via an enhanced level of support.

12. To lead in the delivery of parent programmes and training for parents.
13. To lead on the delivery of training for small groups of education staff on specific interventions e.g. PECS
14. To provide high quality support and supervision to the outreach workers within the team, including participation in recruitment, undertaking induction, mentoring and training.
15. To advise line manager on any issues affecting the Outreach Workers and to report regularly on issues relating to a child's placement and/or other professional matters.
16. To work with the phase-based lead (SALT or Teacher) to ensure all interventions are embedded within the National Curriculum/EYFS Framework and staff are supported in this area.
17. To initiate multi-disciplinary planning and review meetings and give advice on child protection issues (to support pupil's emotional well-being and development.) for designated children, including Team Around the Child meetings (TAC), safeguarding meetings, child protection conferences, NOIL (Note in Lieu) meetings and transition meetings, often as the sole Outreach Service representative.
18. To visit pupils homes as a lone worker to support pupils e.g.: to support the relationships between school and home where there has been a breakdown, mirroring school strategies, introducing home based interventions and working with school refusers.
19. To communicate effectively with parents/carers about their children in a supportive manner to facilitate their involvement.
20. To make referrals to other services, to ensure the well-being of the child and support for the family as appropriate (e.g. Children with Disabilities Team, CAMHS, social care and other outside agencies)
21. To be responsible for creating resource packs to support curriculum learning and transition across key stages. To provide resources for parents to use within the home setting giving the opportunity to mirror the strategies set in place at school.
22. To undertake all duties with due regard to the provisions of health and safety regulations and legislation, the Council's Equal Opportunities and Customer Care policies, and the New Technology agreement.
23. To undertake such other duties as are required and are commensurate with the level of responsibility of the post-holder.
24. To promote Greenwich Council's policies on anti-racist practice, social inclusion and equality of opportunity in a manner compatible with the duties of the post ensuring pupils interests, language and cultural backgrounds are considered.

25. To be aware of the council's obligations under relevant Data Protection legislation and the right of individuals about personal data held. To identify any misuse of personal information.
26. To be aware of the Council's Child Protection Procedures and to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and well-being of children. To attend and contribute to child protection conferences and core groups (often as the sole Service representative) when needed and contribute to decision making as appropriate.
27. In discharging the duties of the post to have due regard to the provisions of Health and Safety at work.

Designation of the Post to which the Post-Holder normally reports to:

Autism Outreach Teacher