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## TEACHING ASSISTANT IN COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT SHEPHERDSWELL ACADEMY AGE RANGE 4-5 YEARS

At Shepherdswell we believe that children are at the heart of everything we do. We are looking to appoint a motivated and hardworking Teaching Assistant to join our Social Communications Department. Enthusiasm and the ability to be flexible and reliable are essential, as is a genuine empathy with children.

The successful applicant will ideally have experience working with children with a diagnosis of autism with complex needs and will support pupils' learning across the curriculum, both within the specialised department setting and mainstream lessons.

The hours of work will be 8.30-3.45 & 1DAY 8.30-4.30 half hour lunch five days per week term time, plus training days.

**Salary Range:** (SCP9 to SCP13) FTE £16755 to £17391 Actual £12537 to £13013

**Starting date:** March 2019

### Essentials for this position:

- Experience with working with children with a diagnosis of autism and an understanding of educational and developmental needs of children with autism
- Functional Skills Qualification in English, previously known as Key Skills in Adult Literacy or GCSE English
- You must have the ability to work as part of an incredible and passionate team
- A secure knowledge of safeguarding and child protection procedures

### Desirables for this position:

- Knowledge of the Early Years Curriculum
- NVQ Level 2 or equivalent
- Basic first aid
- Positive handling

### Are you ready to become part of the Shepherdswell family?

- You must have a warm and smiling face that makes all children feel special
- You must feel comfortable entering public places on your way home from work with unknown substances on your clothing
- You must be prepared to get messy and have lots of fun every day
- You must always be ready for whatever the weather is that day, dancing in the rain and puddle jumping is important to us - happiness and learning outside is not only saved for sunny days
- Finally you must be prepared to feel important, special and loved by our children and their families. There is simply no other job quite like this one!

### All applications must be accompanied by a supporting statement

Previous applicants need not apply and only those successful will be contacted

**We welcome visits to the school,** to arrange a visit or request an application form and further information please contact Zoe Keen at Shepherdswell Academy or email [office@shepherdswell.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:office@shepherdswell.milton-keynes.sch.uk) or visit our website to download an application form.  
[www.shepherdswellacademy.co.uk](http://www.shepherdswellacademy.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Midday**  
**Interviews: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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