Rachel Turner

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Teaching assistant with three years' experience supporting Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils

PROFILE

Teaching assistant with three years' experience in a two-form-entry primary school, supporting whole-class lessons, phonics groups and pupils who need extra help with reading. Calm and consistent with behaviour, confident following the school's safeguarding procedures and holds the Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning.

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Ashgrove Primary School

Nottingham | Sep 2022 – Present

- Support a Year 2 class of 30 pupils, working alongside the class teacher on planned literacy and maths activities.
- Deliver daily phonics interventions to 3 small groups using the school's systematic synthetic phonics programme, tracking progress on weekly assessment sheets.
- Lead 1:1 reading sessions with 6 pupils each week and share notes with the class teacher to adjust support.
- Help manage behaviour using the school's positive behaviour policy, including calm-down time and clear routines.
- Prepare classroom resources and displays, and cover playground and lunchtime duties on a rota.

Midday Supervisor, Ashgrove Primary School

Nottingham | Jan 2021 – Aug 2022

- Supervised up to 90 pupils at lunchtime, organising playground games and resolving minor disputes.
- Recorded and passed on first aid incidents and any welfare concerns to the designated safeguarding lead.
- Supported pupils with allergies and dietary needs by following individual care plans.

Volunteer Reading Helper, Oakfield Community Library

Nottingham | Sep 2019 – Dec 2020

- Ran a weekly after-school reading club for children aged 6 to 9.
- Encouraged reluctant readers by helping them choose books that matched their interests.

EDUCATION

Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning, Trentside College

Nottingham | Sep 2021 – Jul 2022

- Units included supporting learning activities, behaviour, and safeguarding children and young people

GCSEs, Bramcote Hills School

Nottingham | 2016

- 7 GCSEs at grades 9–4, including English Language (6) and Maths (5)

SKILLS

Phonics interventions, Small-group and 1:1 support, Positive behaviour management, Safeguarding procedures, Reading assessment and record keeping, Classroom resource preparation, Clear communication with teachers and parents

CERTIFICATES AND CHECKS

- Paediatric First Aid (12-hour), renewed 2024
- Enhanced DBS on the update service