

Experienced School Support Worker– Job Description

We are seeking a high level teaching assistant or graduate to provide support for a 14 year old girl attending Tonyrefail School

Our client requires additional one-to-one support at school due to poor mobility and to support her accessing school and the curriculum. She is academically very bright and doing exceptionally well in School. Due to Cerebral Palsy she requires emotional and social support too.

This is an excellent opportunity for a dynamic and motivated teaching assistant to gain additional skills supporting our client with her therapeutic program to help her maximize her physical and emotional well-being and independence. It is vital that there is continuity between school and home in the carrying out of this programme.

The post is for 35 hours a week and there will be additional hours to train with the therapists and to attend meetings.

The hourly rate is £15.00 per hour.

The responsibilities of the role will be:

- being responsible for the safety and well-being, including a personal hygiene needs, of the client during the school day.
- promoting the integration and inclusion of the client within the classroom environment.
- facilitating/enabling the client to participate in as many of the curriculum related activities and tasks as possible.
- working closely with school staff and providing regular feedback to the class teacher.
- being familiar with, and working in line with the school policies and procedures, whilst on duty at school.
- attending meetings called by the school, if relevant / appropriate /asked to.
- attending educational review meetings
- being familiar with the therapeutic programme prescribed by the Treating Therapists and carried out at home, so that there is continuity of approach between home and school.
- maintaining a written record of the client's day, and key activities and events of the day.
- acting as a key link between home and school, including use of the Communication Book, as well as verbal handover /communication to parents or other home-based carers as necessary.
- maintaining the confidentiality of the family whilst at work in the school.
- attending meetings with the other members of the directly employed care team, as called by the case manager, likely to be held on a monthly basis.
- To support with homework-,may include additional support at home
- providing some support in the client's home during the school holidays, to assist with daily living activities and homework.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Essential:

- Demonstrate a high quality of verbal and written communication skills.
- Must have awareness of brain injury and their consequences.
- Previous experience of working with in an educational setting.
- Demonstrate awareness of risk.
- Evidence of enabling skills and ability to encourage independence.
- Must have a positive attitude.
- Must have a good sense of humour.
- Must demonstrate ability to work confidently alone and as part of a team.
- A high level of mental and physical stamina.
- Must demonstrate a high level of organisational and administrative skills
- A clean current driving licence.

Desirable:

- Previous experience of working with clients who have a brain injury/physical disability..
- Previous experience of rehabilitation and working with therapists.

Experienced Rehabilitation Support Worker– Job Description

We are seeking to recruit an experienced rehabilitation support worker to provide support for a 14 -year old girl with mild Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy and physical difficulties. This is based in the family home and support is needed to increase her independence, provide emotional and social support.

Our client has a therapeutic program in place to be help maximize her physical and emotional well-being.

The family currently live in Tonyrefail and will be moving within the next few months within a 5-10 mile radius.

The role will include transporting to and from school. A vehicle is provided.

This post includes supporting with community activities such as horse riding, gym and swimming.

The post is for 22 hours a week before and after school hours on a rota basis and alternate Saturdays 9-1

There are additional hours in the school holidays or training and meetings.

The hourly rate is £11.50 per hour and £13.50 at weekends..

The responsibilities of the Support Worker/Buddy will be:

- Being responsible for the safety and well-being of our client,
- Promoting independence with personal hygiene and activities of daily living.

- Promoting the integration and inclusion of the client within the community
- Supporting with cooking/baking activities.
- Attending training with by the Treating Therapists and following a therapeutic programme prescribed by the Treating Therapists and to be carried out at home.
- Attending the gym with the client.
- Maintaining a written record of the client's day, and key activities and events of the day.
- Acting as a key link between home and school, including use of the Communication Book, as well as verbal handover /communication to parents or other home-based carers as necessary.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of the family at all times.
- Attending meetings with the other members of the directly employed care team, as called by the case manager, likely to be held on a monthly basis.
- Providing support in the client's home during the school holidays, to assist with all daily living activities, including assisting with age appropriate activities aimed at supporting our clients educational needs.
- Assisting the client to keep her bedroom tidy.
- Supporting with budgeting. Planning and organizing.
- Attending occasional weekends away.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Essential:

- Demonstrate a high quality of verbal and written communication skills.
- Must have awareness of brain injury/learning and their consequences.
- Previous experience of working with children.
- Demonstrate awareness of risk.
- Evidence of enabling skills and ability to encourage independence.
- Must have a positive attitude.
- Must have a good sense of humour.
- Must demonstrate ability to work confidently alone and as part of a team.
- A high level of mental and physical stamina.
- Must demonstrate a high level of organisational and administrative skills
- A clean current driving licence.

Desirable:

- Previous experience of working with clients who have a brain injury and or physical disability.
- Previous experience of working one-to-one in a client's home/educational or community setting.
- Previous experience of rehabilitation and working with therapists.
- An understanding of educational system.