## 🍀 Job Opportunity: 1:1 Nursery Assistant (Supporting a Child with Down's

Syndrome) Location: Skelton Primary School Hours: Full Time, Term Time Only Salary: B+4-5 £17326-£17780 pay award pending

### Start Date: September 2025

We are looking for a caring, patient, and enthusiastic individual to join our nurturing nursery team as a **1:1 Assistant**, providing dedicated support to a child with Down's syndrome.

#### 💼 About the Role:

This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in a child's early development. As a 1:1 Assistant, you will work closely with the child, supporting them to access learning, develop communication skills, and thrive within the nursery environment.

Your day-to-day responsibilities will include:

- Providing individualised support during learning and play activities
- Supporting the child's personal, social, and emotional development
- Using or learning Makaton to aid communication
- Working closely with the class teacher, SENCO, and parents to implement personalised support ensuring safety and inclusion

### **1** About You:

We are looking for someone who is:

- Kind, nurturing, and passionate about supporting children with additional needs
- Reliable, flexible, and a strong team player
- Experienced in working with children in an educational or care setting (preferred but not essential)

**Makaton** knowledge or understanding is essential, or you must be open and willing to undertake training.

Experience with children with Down's syndrome or other special educational needs is an advantage, but training and support will be provided for the right candidate.

#### 🕈 What We Offer:

• A supportive, welcoming team and positive school environment

- Ongoing training and professional development
- The chance to make a meaningful impact in a child's life every day

If you are patient, proactive, and ready to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

# 📩 To Apply:

Please apply using application form on our website to Skelton Primary School. Closing Date: 5pm 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Interviews: Week commencing 14th July 2025

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and references.

#### Job Purpose:

To provide dedicated 1:1 support for a child with Down's syndrome in our school nursery setting. The role focuses on promoting the child's learning, communication, social development, and independence, in close collaboration with the class teacher and SENCO.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Provide 1:1 support for a child with Down's syndrome, ensuring they can access and participate in nursery activities.
- Use Makaton to aid communication, or be willing to learn and use it effectively.
- Support the implementation of the child's SEN Support Plan targets.
- Encourage and support the development of communication, social, self-help, and motor skills.
- Work in close partnership with the class teacher, SENCO, and other professionals (e.g., speech and language therapists).
- Assist with personal care needs when required, in line with school policies.
- Monitor and record the child's progress and provide feedback to staff and parents.
- Foster a positive, safe, and inclusive environment that promotes confidence and independence.

#### **Person Specification:**

#### **Essential:**

- A warm, caring, and patient nature with a genuine interest in supporting children with additional needs.
- Willingness to learn and use Makaton to support communication.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work well as part of a team and follow guidance from teachers and specialists.

#### Desirable:

- Previous experience working with children with Down's syndrome or other special educational needs.
- Knowledge or understanding of Makaton.
- Relevant childcare or education qualification (e.g., Level 2 or 3 in Childcare, Supporting Teaching and Learning).