

Teaching Assistant Level 2 - Orchard Specialist Provision

Grade: 3

Start Date: As soon as possible

Due to our exciting expansion, we are seeking a compassionate and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant Level 2 to join our brand-new Orchard Specialist Provision.

The Orchard opened in September 2025 as a satellite of our well-established Rectory Specialist Provision for children with autism. It will offer a nurturing and structured learning environment for 32 children across four specialist classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a new and inspiring setting from the very beginning.

What We're Looking For

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant who is:

- Passionate about inclusive education and committed to helping children with autism thrive.
- Experienced (or keen to learn) in supporting children with SEND, especially those with communication, sensory, and social needs.
- A caring, patient, and adaptable individual who supports learning and development in creative, personalised ways.
- A strong team player who communicates well with teachers, families, and other professionals.
- Positive, reliable, and ready to make a real difference in the lives of our pupils every day.

What We Can Offer

At The Orchard and Rectory, we provide a warm, inclusive, and inspiring community. We offer:

- A rare opportunity to help shape a new specialist provision from day one.
 - A dedicated and supportive team who are passionate about autism education.
 - A personalised, EHCP-led curriculum based on the EQUALS framework, including informal and semi-formal learning pathways.
 - High-quality ongoing CPD, including autism-specific approaches such as Attention Autism, Communication boards, Makaton, and sensory integration.
 - Strong connections with our main school, offering enriching experiences and meaningful inclusion for all pupils.
 - A rewarding role where every day brings purpose, connection, and joyful learning moments.
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Safeguarding Statement

All school staff, governors, and volunteers are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

Be part of something extraordinary—where every child is celebrated, and every day is a chance to make a difference.

Closing Date: Sunday 17th May 2026

Shortlisting: Monday 18th May 2026

Interviews: w/c Monday 18th May 2026

With thanks,

Mr Richard Brook

Headteacher