



Teaching Assistant supporting children with SEND

Location: Ashfield Infant and Nursery School

Hours: 30 hours

Contract: Fixed Term (2 years with potential to extend)

Salary: FTE £25,989 (pro-rata)

Start Date: September 2026

Ashfield Infant and Nursery School are seeking a caring, committed, and enthusiastic **Teaching Assistant supporting children with SEND** to join our team. You will play a vital role in supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to access learning, develop independence, and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Working under the direction of teaching staff and the SENCo, you will provide targeted support as part of our SEND Support team.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide tailored support for pupils with SEND, including those with EHCPs
- Support learning activities, adapting tasks to meet individual needs
- Promote positive behaviour and emotional wellbeing
- Encourage independence, confidence, and inclusion
- Support implementation of individual targets and intervention programmes
- Work collaboratively with teachers, SENCo, and external professionals
- Safeguard pupils' welfare and follow all school policies

We Are Looking For Someone Who:

- Is patient, empathetic, and child-centred
- Has experience (or a strong interest) in supporting children with SEND
- Can work effectively as part of a team
- Is committed to inclusive education and safeguarding

What We Offer:

- A warm and welcoming school community
- A professional and supportive team
- Ongoing training and professional development
- The opportunity to make a real difference to pupils' lives

Ashfield Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. Our approach to safeguarding is underpinned by robust processes and checks, which are in place across the school. This appointment will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. If shortlisted, you will be required to disclose relevant information regarding criminal history and an on-line search will be conducted. This includes only information publicly available on-line.

For more information or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Mrs Michelle Coulthard (Business Manager) 01900 606301 admin@ashfieldinf.cumbria.sch.uk

Applications should consist of the Cumberland Council Application Form along with a covering letter and be sent to the above email.

Closing date: Monday 1st June 2026 at 9:00am

Interview date: Friday 5th June 2026