Recruitment Profile

Post number	13276
Position title	Pupil Support Assistant (Complex Needs)
Grade	5C
Department	People
Location	Galashiels Academy
Salary/Rate of Pay	19961.72 - 21560.16
Hours of work	29.33
Weeks per year	39
Number of staff responsible for	0
Reports to post number	PT Enhanced Provision
Registration requirements	None
Drivers Licence required	N/A
Contract status	Temporary
Contract end date	1st July 2027
Reason for temporary vacancy	
Disclosure status	PVG Children
Political restrictions	No
Role profile number	LPD 4A
Business World post status	Permanent
Work pattern	Monday - Friday
Vacancy number	SBO10544
Closing date	30/11/2026

Role purpose

To work closely and co-operatively with teaching staff to support the needs of pupils identified as having complex additional support needs in the support centre.
PRINCIPAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES
To undertake tasks, which may include helping with some or all of the following, depending on the needs of the individuals:
• Communication
• Written tasks
• Hydrotherapy/swimming
• Sensory needs
• Moving and handling (after training)
• Use of IT
• Motor difficulties/physical development
• Cleaning/maintenance of resources/equipment
• Completing tasks
• Mobility
• Inclusion with mainstream setting
• Self care/personal hygiene
• Toileting
• Cleaning up children who have wet or soiled themselves
• Social skills
• Preparation of resources/materials
• Supervision during intervals/lunch times
• Feeding and medication (after training)
• Contribution to staff/team meetings
To undertake support for individuals or groups as requested by the Principal Teacher and / or Support Centre Teacher.

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To assist in the implementation of plans, devised by the CT and /or other agencies as required.
To monitor on an informal basis the progress of pupils in learning and behaviour.
To contribute to reports for pupils for discussion at review and planning meetings.
To liaise with PT, CT and/or and other agencies as required.
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Person specification		
Criteria	**Essential**	**Desirable**
Education, qualifications and training	National 5 English and National 4 in Maths or equivalent qualification. Any other relevant qualifications in addition to the above Pupil Support Assistants will be required to undertake on the job training as and when available.	.
Skills, knowledge and competences	Evidence of the patience, tolerance and consistency of approach required both when working with young children and with children who have difficulty in coping with some of the demands of school.	Evidence of some knowledge of current classroom and school routines. Evidence of some knowledge of use of IT.
Experience	Experience of working with children or young people.	Experience of working as a member of a team. Some experience of working in a school environment.
Other	Have excellent interpersonal skills to enable them to build positive relationships with colleagues, pupils and parents Have an ability to be flexible and adaptable in working practices Demonstrate an ability to work on own initiative, independently and also as a team member as appropriate Be friendly and approachable with a kind but firm manner	

Driving Licence - Where it is an essential requirement for this post to hold a current driving licence. Note: If you have a disability which precludes you from holding a drivers licence, Scottish Borders Council will take into account its responsibility to make reasonable adjustments to allow for your disability. Should it be possible to make such an adjustment in order that you can undertake the travel responsibilities of the post, this will be taken into account in consideration for this role.

HEALTH & SAFETY STATEMENTS

Must take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves, other employees and anyone else who may be affected by their work activities carried out. Employees shall work in accordance with policies, procedures, information, instructions, and / or training received.

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Equality – Ensure that all work and outputs comply with and promotes equal opportunities and diversity.

Supervisory or Managerial posts only - Ensure that HR systems are in place for reporting management information and making recommendations for any corrective action necessary.

Equal Opportunities - Scottish Borders Council is committed to improving the diversity of its workforce to better reflect the communities we serve. We welcome applications from all minority groups and individuals who identify with one or more of the protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010. In particular from candidates who assess themselves as having a disability, under the Disability Confident Employer scheme this guarantees an interview to those individuals who meet the essential criteria of the post. All appointments will be made on merit.

Digital Innovation & Solution Focused Statement
Scottish Borders Council is committed to excellence and continuous improvement through the transformative power of digital solutions reinforcing our commitment to excellence, sustainability, enhancing our work practices and enriching our support to the community. As digital innovation evolves, our organisation is dedicated to integrating these advancements in a manner that aligns with our core values and strategic objectives.
All roles across the Council will actively seek and implement the latest digital solutions and technologies that can improve efficiency, productivity, and the quality of our services. Training will be provided, to ensure staff are proficient in utilising new technologies, fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptability.

Please note priority will be given to staff on the deployment/redeployment list who meet the essential criteria of the post.

Please note that applicants who have received early retirement/voluntary severance from Scottish Borders Council will not be considered.

TEMPORARY POSTS
If at a later date a temporary post becomes permanent, it will be at the discretion of the Department's management team to confirm the post holder as permanent without readvertising.

PRE EMPLOYMENT CHECKS
Essential

- Confirmation of Right to Work in the UK **- (All posts)**
- Level 1/Level 2/PVG Registration Disclosure Check - ***(PVG/Disclosure posts only)***
- References - ***(All posts***)
- Confirmation of qualifications required to meet the essential criteria on the person specification **- (All posts)**

Right to Work in the UK - To ensure that you are eligible to work in the UK, we will require the following documentation:

- A Passport showing you are a British/Irish Citizen.

  OR

- A British Birth/Adoption Certificate along with an official document containing your name and permanent National Insurance number

For all other nationalities

- Settled status code

  OR

- Immigration status document, for further information visit Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Please note that a Short Birth Certificate and a Driving Licence are not sufficient to show your entitlement to work in the UK.

OTHER DETAILS
Disclosure/PVG Registration

Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exclusion and Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2003 to the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) Scottish Borders Council are entitled to ask "exempted questions" that require applicants for certain positions to reveal their full criminal history.

This means that all details of criminal convictions, whether they are spent or not, must be disclosed to help the recruiting manager assess the person's suitability for a position of trust.

Disclosure

These "excepted professions" are set out in the Exceptions Order and include:

- certain professions in areas such as health, pharmacy and the law;
- senior managers in banking and financial services;

PVG Registration

Certain posts are considered Regulated Work with Vulnerable Children and/or Protected Adults, under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. Preferred candidates will be required to join the PVG Scheme or undergo a PVG Scheme update check prior to a formal offer of employment being made by Scottish Borders Council.

PVG/Disclosure Process

After the application is processed you will receive an email with a secure link to view the disclosure. You must share this with us to progress the recruitment process.

Teacher Posts in Catholic Schools

Certain posts are in a denominational school therefore candidates must seek Catholic Church approval when submitting their application for these posts. You should apply for RC Church approval at the same time as submitting your application form. Guidance and the relevant forms can be obtained at www.sces.uk.com/approval.html.

Political Restrictions

Certain posts within Scottish Borders Council will be deemed Politically Restricted. If you are appointed to such a post the Local Government Officers' (Political Restrictions) Regulations 1990 provide that your terms and conditions of employment are deemed to incorporate additional provisions set out in the Schedule to the Regulations, a copy of which can be obtained from HR. Full details of restrictions will be provided in your application pack if you are applying for a Politically Restricted post.

**** From 1 April 2026 a Scottish Local Government Living Wage Rate of £13.52 per hour has been agreed. All employees recruited on a salary/wage less than the SLGLW rate shall receive a payment additional to their salary/wage in order that they are paid at the rate of £13.52 per hour. The additional payment shall count as pensionable earnings and be subject to deduction of tax, national insurance and pension where appropriate.