Teaching Assistant, level 2

Permanent post, term time only
To start as soon as possible

Variable hours contract 25hrs - 30.5hrs per week,
spread over 5 working days, Monday to Friday

Hours per week to be discussed at interview

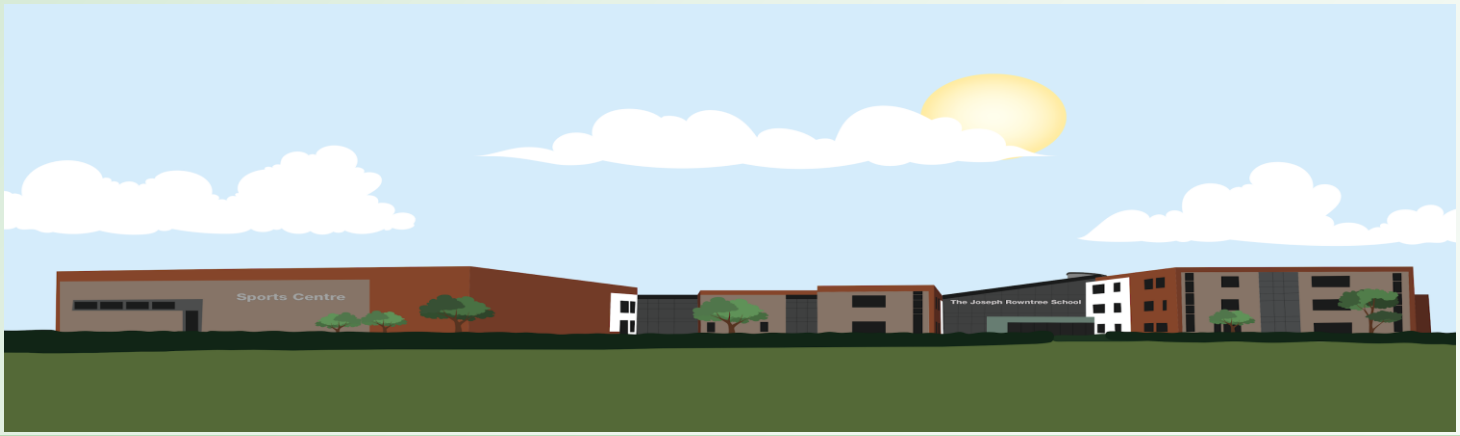
Grade 4, Level 1 - 4 (£25,948 p.a. - £27,188 p.a.)

reduced pro rata to £18,366 - £19,243, calculated on 30.5 hours

Closing Date: Sunday 15 November 2026 at midnight

School website - www.josephrowntreeschool.co.uk

School email - contact@josephrowntreeschool.co.uk



The Joseph Rowntree School
the right school to grow in

WILLOW HOUSE

HAZEL HOUSE

OAK HOUSE

ASPEN HOUSE

Dear Prospective Applicant

Welcome to the Joseph Rowntree School. Please read the information about the school contained in this letter prior to completing your application.

General Information

We are a successful 11-18 comprehensive school of 1210 students, with 204 students in the sixth form. Our modern buildings and state of the art facilities provide an excellent learning environment and our talented and dedicated team of staff are wholly committed to the school and its students. We offer a broad curriculum which enables students to develop knowledge and skills that lead to important qualifications and the nurturing of talents.

Our extensive range of extra-curricular activities develops skills, interests, relationships and an enjoyment of school life. We are a school community where students are happy, safe and develop into well-rounded individuals. Integral to our focus on achievement and creativity, is a strong guidance and pastoral care system; this ensures that students are valued and supported well.

In October 2022, the school was judged to be 'Good' by Ofsted. We were pleased that Ofsted reported so positively on many aspects of the work we do with our students, particularly how well they are supported in school, the ambitious curriculum they access and how they feel safe and happy here. We are proud of our successes but are ambitious for the future. We continue to strive to develop the very best education for our students

Origins

The original school opened in 1942 as a model school in the North Riding. It was built on land provided by the Joseph Rowntree Trust. It continues to have voluntary controlled status with four governors from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. It is, however, a non-denominational LA school. Since its illustrious origins the school has expanded considerably in phases to meet the demands of a changing educational scene and increased population.

Grounds and Buildings

The school is set in very extensive attractive grounds and playing fields. We have an excellent learning environment and superb facilities.

The Educational Context

The school is part of the City of York Councils education provision. York is a unitary authority, characterised by forward-looking leadership and a desire to work in partnership with its schools and parents/carers. The school shares this aim. There is a close network of effective working relationships in this relatively small LA. The school also has close links with its six main link primary schools.

Our Students

Our students are in line with national averages for ability on entry. Approximately 23% of students are disadvantaged and there are 203 on the SEN register (EHCP and K), 66 of whom have an Education & Health Care Plan. Equally, there are students with talents and ability to rank with the best in the country. The intake is largely from the villages of New Earswick, Haxby and Wigginton, with increasing numbers from within the historic city boundary. Our students are friendly, confident, articulate, hardworking and well-motivated. Our strong pastoral and behavioural systems help meet their needs and ensure that they fulfil their potential.

Our Staff

The school has a forward thinking and reflective teaching and support staff. There is a wide range of experience and expertise. We are friendly, welcoming and helpful. We set a high priority on professional development and job satisfaction. Our staff work hard and there is a genuine commitment to provide high quality education for all of our learners. Working at The Joseph Rowntree School is rewarding and there is a strong induction programme for new staff. Developing best practice is a real focus at the school.

Organisation

The school's academic structure is based on departments. Guidance and welfare is based on a Year Group system. There is a great emphasis placed on teamwork and collaborative working at all levels. Leaders are expected to provide leadership, support and challenge to their teams. The Governing Body provide excellent support whilst challenging us effectively. The Senior Leadership Team consists of the Head, two Deputy Heads, three Assistant Heads and a School Business Manager.

Curriculum

The full range of subjects typical of comprehensive schools is available in the school. Currently there are around 30 different subjects available in the Sixth Form with a small degree of collaborative arrangements with the neighbouring Huntington School. Extra-curricular provision is wide ranging, with particularly high engagement in Sport, Drama and Music. We continue to value all subjects equally, notwithstanding a particular focus on English and Maths. We take pride in ensuring our curriculum offer at all stages meets the needs of all students. Since 2010 we have had an enhanced resource provision for students on the Autistic spectrum, one of only two units in the City; our philosophy is to allow such students to access as much of the whole-school curriculum as possible, in order to match their needs.

In Conclusion

The Joseph Rowntree School is a hard-working school community with a high level of cohesion and mutual support. We have high expectations of our students, both in terms of their behaviour and their studies. Our students are treated with respect and care and are expected to treat their staff the same in return. Relationships are good.

We always seek to appoint highly skilled and reflective members of staff. You will need to be enthusiastic, hardworking and committed to delivering high standards in your role. You should like and understand children and be prepared to go the extra mile to help them succeed.

Application information

Please read our 'How to Apply Guide' which will explain the application process from completing the application form through to appointment. Please email your completed application to **recruitment@josephrowntreeschool.co.uk**

We do try to acknowledge receipt of all of the applications we receive but it is advisable that you request a read receipt due to the number of applications we receive. Please accept my thanks in advance should you decide to apply.

Further information about the school is available on our website at www.josephrowntree.co.uk

Thank you for the interest you have shown in The Joseph Rowntree School.

David Hewitt

Headteacher

Important Information

Shortlisting

Applications will be evaluated against the requirements of the post, with those candidates that best fit the requirements being shortlisted. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited to interview. If you have not been contacted within one month of the closing date, please assume you have not been shortlisted. In this case, may we thank you in advance for your interest in this post and wish you the very best for the future.

Due to the volume of applicants, **we are unable to give feedback to non-shortlisted candidates**.

Selection Process

As part of the selection process, in addition to assessing your skills and knowledge against the requirements of this role, specific questions will be asked to assess your suitability to work with children. The Joseph Rowntree School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, interviews will include questions about safeguarding children.

Under the Equality Act 2010, we are legally required to consider making reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not disadvantaged in the recruitment and selection process. We are therefore committed to meeting, wherever possible, any needs you specify on the application form. Please contact the school if you need to discuss this in any detail. We will consider any reasonable adjustment under the terms of the Act to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the Act) to meet the requirements of the post.

Validation of Qualifications and Identity

All shortlisted candidates will be asked to bring original certificates of relevant qualifications and identity documents to interview. These will be photocopied and kept on file and, if appropriate, may be confirmed as genuine with the relevant awarding bodies. The copies for the successful candidate will be retained on their personnel file. The copies for unsuccessful candidates will be treated as confidential waste and disposed of appropriately.

Right to Work in the UK

Under the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, it is a criminal offence to employ anyone who is not entitled to live or work in the United Kingdom. Applicants can expect us to ask for proof of this at interview stage, where you will be asked to provide some original documentation to confirm that you are eligible to work within the UK.

Photographic proof of identity will also be required.

Disclosure & Barring Service

Employment at this school is subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure & Barring Service. All such checks must be satisfactory before any offer of an appointment can be confirmed and before commencement of work can take place. All supply and/or peripatetic staff will be required to produce their ID and other relevant documents when they arrive at school.

Safeguarding

The Joseph Rowntree School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure (see above)

It is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. Please read the City of York Council's Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders prior to completing your application. This can be found in the 'How to apply' document that is posted alongside adverts.

School Policies can be found on our School website or by following the link below. The School's Child Protection Policy should be read by candidates who are intending on applying for a post at The Joseph Rowntree School.

https://www.josephrowntree.co.uk/docs/school_policies/Child_Protection_and_Safeguarding_Policy.pdf

Medical Assessment

Before taking a teaching appointment, the preferred candidate is required to complete a Work Health Assessment Form. This will be sent with the letter of appointment which states that the appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical assessment.

References

It is important that you give details for valid referees otherwise there may be a delay in confirming your appointment, should you be successful.

Please ensure that you provide the full details for two people who can comment on your suitability for the post. These people should be:

1. Your present employer, one of which should be your current Headteacher, or, if unemployed, your last employer, including your last Headteacher; AND

2. Your former employer i.e. your employer prior to your present or last employer; OR

3. If you haven't been employed before or you have only one former employer, you may use, if they consent, the details of:

(a) Your current or former teacher, lecturer or tutor

(b) Some other person of a "profession" who can comment on your suitability for the role e.g. policeman, doctor, solicitor etc.

You cannot use a family member or a friend as a referee. This applies even if you work for a family member.

All referees must be over 18 years old.

Please seek an alternative referee if you cannot comply with the above requirements. Contact us if you are unsure.

References may be taken up prior to interview for posts within schools. If you have any objection to references being taken up at this point please make the Recruiting Manager aware of this.

Confirmation of the offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks including references.

Induction and Continuous Professional Development

The Joseph Rowntree School is committed to developing its staff and is proud of the approach it takes to supporting appropriate staff development. Staff are fully inducted into our school community to enable new colleagues to become familiar with the culture of our school and its policies, expectations and procedures.

Dress Code

We expect all staff to dress professionally and appropriately for the roles undertaken at The Joseph Rowntree School. We pride ourselves on the high standards of dress of both our students and staff; these standards are led by our staff whom we expect to set an example.

School Policies

All school policies are available on our website or upon written request - https://www.josephrowntree.co.uk/Policies/

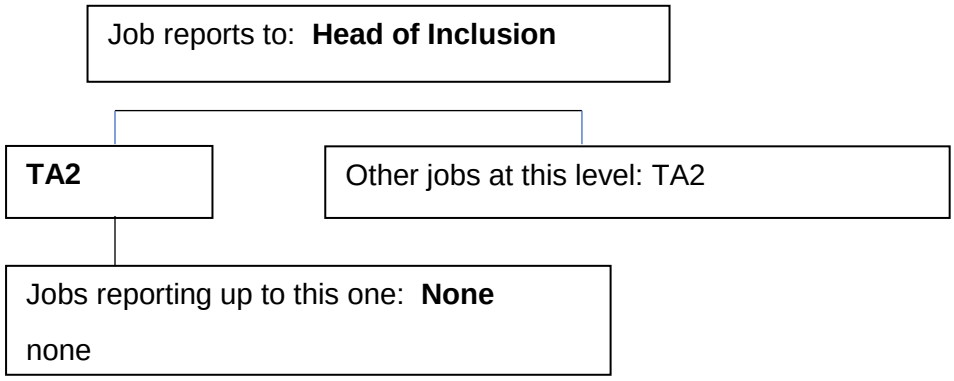
JOB DESCRIPTION

DIRECTORATE: Learning, Culture and Children's Services	**DEPARTMENT:**
JOB TITLE: Teaching Assistant 2 (TA2)	**POST NUMBER:**
REPORTS TO (Job Title**):** Headteacher / Head of Department / TA Level 3 or 4 or other support staff	**Current Grade** TA2

1.	**MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB**	
	To work under the direction of the teacher to undertake work, care and support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils.	
2.	**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES, TASKS & DUTIES:**	
	i.	Works under the direction of the class teacher, SENCO or a member of the school's Senior Management Team to carry out work and tasks set by the teacher. Works with individual pupils or small groups of pupils as directed by the teacher and under the teacher's guidance.
	ii.	Carries out work pre-planned by the teacher, but will be expected to use own initiative to enable pupils to access the learning activity by application of specific skills, knowledge and experience with and of the pupils within the guidelines set by the teacher.
	iii.	Carries out work planned and prepared by the teacher and in accordance with the teacher's instructions. May be required to adapt work/activities as directed by the teacher.
	iv.	Assists the teacher and works as directed in preparation of the classroom and resources for planned work to take place. May involve adapting work and activities as directed by the teacher.
	v.	Assists with assessment and monitoring of pupil progress by providing feedback to the teacher on pupils' achievements, progress and problems.
	vi.	Assists with record keeping on pupil progress as directed by the teacher.
	vii.	Works with other adults involved in the education process as directed by the teacher.
	viii	Involved in meetings with other staff, external professionals and parents regarding pupils in a support capacity to the teacher who will normally lead on such matters.

	ix.	Supports colleagues across the school staff as directed by the teacher, SENCO or Senior Management Team by application of any specific skills, experience and knowledge in relation to pupils and the curriculum, and to include routine administrative and clerical tasks.
	x.	Accompanies other staff on school visits and in other activities outside of the classroom and has responsibility for specific pupils or small groups as directed by the teacher.
	xi.	Follows all school policies and procedures, in particular: School's Health, Safety and Security Policy, Child Protection Policy, Behaviour Management Policy, Inclusion Policy, Equalities Policy and Data Protection Policy
	xii.	Participates as required in the school's performance management and supervision systems and take part in appropriate training and development activities.
	xiii	Makes appropriate use of ICT and adhere to policies relating to it, within their work in line with the school's systems of working.
	xiv	May be given specific areas of responsibility within the school that are appropriate to specific skills, knowledge and experience, for example in maintaining curriculum resources in a given subject area, preparing displays etc.
	xv.	Contributes to the overall ethos, work and aims of the school
3.	**SUPERVISION / MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE** No. reporting – Direct: 0 Indirect: 0	
4.	**CREATIVITY & INNOVATION** • Monitors and is responsive to pupil learning and behaviour at all times by making adjustments to supervised activities. • Monitors and is responsive to pupils' personal needs and communication. • Under the direction of the class teacher communicates effectively with teachers, other professionals and parents whenever the need arises and recognises the need to communicate. • On the basis of their knowledge and understanding of pupils, needs and responses to learning, contributes to the planning and review of the differentiated curriculum and individual education plans/individual behaviour plans. Participates in the design of classroom and school displays.	
5.	**CONTACTS & RELATIONSHIPS** **Internal** Contributes to the teacher's planning, teaching and assessment of the curriculum - daily. Enables pupils' access to the planned curriculum and meets personal and social needs – daily. Takes part in departmental or whole school meetings as required. Works in collaboration with other support staff - daily. **External** Provides information about pupils' progress, strategies e.g. inclusion programmes.	

6.	**DECISIONS – discretion and consequences** • Takes action to meet pupils' needs as they arise to avoid undue physical or mental stress. • Communicates information effectively to teachers, other professionals and parents whenever the need arises. Recognises when it is necessary to make adjustments to planned activities in order to enable a pupil to access the curriculum fully and make progress and discusses these with class teacher.
7.	**RESOURCES** None
8.	**WORK ENVIRONMENT –** **Work demands** Under the direction of the class teacher need to implement activities in lessons within school hours as directed. Work may be subject to some change and interruption e.g. unplanned absences of staff and children, unexpected visits by parents and professionals. **Physical demands** Involves mainly sitting with pupils but may have sustained periods of physical activity, involving bending, crouching, lifting, walking and running e.g. P.E. lessons, when meeting pupils' personal care needs, physical interventions with pupils, moving children with physical disabilities, following approved procedures. **Working conditions** Majority of work takes place in classroom environment, may be involved in outside activities e.g. supervision of playground, sports field activities, off-site educational activities in all weather conditions as required. **Work context** • Risk of verbal abuse and physical harm from a minority of pupils and who behave aggressively. • Risk of injury from moving and handling pupils. • Risk of exposure to bodily fluids when assisting incontinent children with their personal hygiene. • Risk of infection when dealing with unwell children.

9.	**KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS** • Communication skills • Time management and organisational skills • Literacy and numeracy skills • ICT capability • Knowledge of normal child development and children's personal development needs • Knowledge of strategies which promote good behaviour and discipline Ability to participate fully in planned physical interventions, in pupil personal care routines and in moving and handling pupils with physical disabilities safely, using appropriate mechanical and other lifting devices, following recognised procedures.
10.	**Position of Job in Organisation Structure** 

THE JOSEPH ROWNTREE SCHOOL

School Ethos and Values

- **R**espect all members of our community
- **O**vercome obstacles to success
- **W**ork together collaboratively
- **N**urture talent
- **T**each and learn through inspiration
- **R**ecognise excellence
- **E**mbrace diversity
- **E**ncourage wellbeing