

Sunfield Specialist School and Children's Home is located in the beautiful Clent Hills, West Midlands and is part of the Ruskin Mill Trust providing innovative and experiential education, and supports young people (6 – 19 years) with complex learning needs, including autism and PDA.

For over 30 years, Ruskin Mill Trust has provided Specialist Independent Education to children and adults with complex needs including learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and disabilities. Our provisions offer both day and residential placements and applications. Inspired by Aonghus Gordon using the insights of Rudolf Steiner, John Ruskin and William Morris, Ruskin Mill Trust works with hand, head, heart and place to provide students with the tools to transform material and in doing so transform themselves.

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## High Level Teaching Assistant

**Salary range: £19,530 - £22,222 - 37.5 hours, 42 weeks**

*This is a pro rata amount of the full time equivalent*

This is an exciting opportunity offered by Sunfield School and Children's Home, part of Ruskin Mill Trust for experienced, self-motivated High Level Teaching Assistants. We are looking to appoint High level teaching assistants to complement the professional work of the teachers by taking responsibility for agreed learning activities under an agreed system of supervision.

### Prospective candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- A patient, caring, compassionate and child-centred approach
- Experience of working with special educational needs in an educational setting
- Experience working with autism and attached related needs
- Excellent observation skills and the ability to problem solve and think creatively to enable our children and young people to reimagine their potential
- Emotional intelligence and resilience with the ability to react calmly in challenging situations
- Line management experience of Teaching Assistants
- Experience of working with class teachers on individual learning plans
- High level Ability to prepare, plan and deliver learning activities to individual/groups or short term for whole classes, monitor and report on pupil achievements and progress.
- An interest in and/or skills in working in an outdoor environment.

Working at Sunfield is incredibly rewarding and in return, we offer competitive salaries with progression in pay once qualified.

High level Teaching Assistants work closely with pupils, to support and facilitate their learning, progress and wellbeing in a range of learning environments. At Sunfield School pupils will learn through a dynamic curriculum which includes practical skills; textiles, green woodwork and cooking with a significant period of time involved in growing biodynamic produce in the school gardens and looking after the farm animals.

*This post is subject to satisfactory references, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for both Adults and Children, medical check, evidence of qualifications, plus verification of the right to work in the UK. Sunfield Children's Home is a registered charity (No. 527522) and an equal opportunities employer. Sunfield is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*