## **Person specification**

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications and training	<ul> <li>GCSE (or equivalent) in English and maths</li> <li>NVQ 4 or equivalent in relevant fields</li> <li>Evidence of relevant training or professional development</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Trauma Informed schools training</li><li>HLTA</li><li>Experience of CPOMS</li></ul>
Experience	<ul> <li>Successful leadership and management experience in a school or other relevant organisation</li> <li>Experience of managing safeguarding in a school or other relevant organisation, including:         <ul> <li>Building relationships with children and their parents, particularly the most vulnerable</li> <li>Working and communicating effectively with relevant agencies</li> <li>Implementing and encouraging good safeguarding practice throughout a large team of people</li> </ul> </li> <li>Demonstrable evidence of developing and implementing strategies to help children and their families</li> <li>Experience of handling large amounts of sensitive data and upholding the principles of confidentiality</li> <li>A good knowledge and understanding of nurture principles and practice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Healthy Minds training</li> <li>Theraplay</li> <li>Lego therapy</li> <li>Experience of multi – agency work, e.g. early help safeguarding</li> <li>Experience of using SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire)</li> </ul>

## Skills and knowledge

- Expert up to date knowledge of legislation and guidance on safeguarding and working with young people, including knowledge of the responsibilities of schools and other agencies
- Ability to work with a range of people with the aim of ensuring the safety and welfare of children
- Awareness of local and national agencies that provide support for children and their families
- Excellent record keeping skills and attention to detail, in order to produce reports, take minutes of meetings, and document safeguarding concerns
- · Competent in the use of IT
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate a vision and inspire others
- Ability to build effective working relationships with staff and other stakeholders
- Experience of working in a primary school setting.
- General understanding of National Curriculum and other relevant learning programmes
- Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils
- Awareness and understanding of issues relating to equality of access and opportunities

 Experience of working with children with Special Educational Needs, particularly relating to:

Communication and interaction Social communications (including those with an ASD diagnosis) Emotional regulation Mental health

- Knowledge of Zones of Regulation
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## Personal qualities

- Commitment to ensuring the safety and welfare of children
- Commitment to upholding and promoting the ethos and values of the school
- Integrity, honesty and fairness
- Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times
- Commitment to equality
- High expectations of themselves and the children in their care
- Calm and supportive manner, able to work flexibly and respond to unplanned situations with an organised, inclusive approach
- People focused with a friendly, yet professional and respectful approach.
- Enthusiasm for working within a school environment
- Positive attitude, contributing to a welcoming environment which supports equal opportunities for all
- Reflective practitioner with a desire to learn and develop professional

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