

# Sparklers Centre of Excellence

## ***Assistant Therapist with Paediatric Experience***

Full-Time, Position to commence August 2020

Sparklers Centre of excellence is an Inclusive setting, for children and young people aged 3 to 19 years who may or may not have additional needs. We have a warm, mutually supportive and caring ethos with an enthusiastic and skilled staff team that is highly aspirational and committed to pupil welfare, progress and enhanced life chances.

We are seeking an Assistant Therapist (with relevant further education experience) wishing to work in a school setting, to join our multi-disciplinary team comprising of speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, behavioural specialist and psychology. The successful candidate may be required to work across the age-range and in our different settings.

### **We are looking for an Assistant Therapist who:**

- Is highly motivated, passionate, dynamic and flexible
- Has experience working with children and young people with autism and related conditions or other special needs.
- Has highly developed communication and interpersonal skills
- Has experience working collaboratively within multi-disciplinary teams in school environments
- Is seeking to further develop their skills and knowledge in working with young people with Autism
- Has knowledge of the National Curriculum and statutory requirement of Assessments
- Must hold a post-secondary therapy or psychology related qualification and have Paediatric experience.

### **Main responsibilities:**

As an Assistant Therapist you will report to the CEO but would work closely with the Therapy team, education team, learners' parents and other professionals.

Your role will be to work with learners, staff and parents to develop and embed the knowledge and skills of therapeutic provision on a daily basis in class, home or in the community. Your role may be both class and whole school based, and will include individual and group work with our children, carrying out assessments, devising and implementing behaviour support plans, monitoring and reporting on progress and participation in an extensive range of in-service training. It is envisaged that the candidates appointed will have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to demonstrate good practice working with the schools wide and dynamic multi-disciplinary team. Some teaching responsibility may be involved.

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### Benefits include:

- Working with a creative, enthusiastic, supportive and caring team of staff
- Training and CPD
- Coaching and mentoring
- Access to our company voucher scheme

**Safeguarding:** Sparklers Centre of Excellence is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people and expects all its employees to share this commitment. Successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced check by the police.

**Equal Opportunities:** Our foundation has a strong commitment to achieving equality of opportunity and expects all employees to implement and promote this in their own work.

**Confidentiality:** Our foundation is committed to maintaining the privacy of all its staff and learners. It expects all staff to handle all individuals' personal information in a sensitive and professional manner. All staff are under an obligation not to gain access or attempt to gain access to information they are not authorised to have.

**Health and Safety:** Our foundation is committed to a healthy and safe working environment and expects all its employees to implement and promote its policy in all aspects of their work.

If you have high expectations of your learners and want to work within a stimulating and motivating learning environment as part of a successful and supportive team, then please get in touch. For an informal discussion, to arrange a visit, or request for an application pack, please email [harriet@sparklersfoundation.org](mailto:harriet@sparklersfoundation.org) CVs will not be accepted; only applications submitted on the application form will be considered. Our application form is also available on our website.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Interview date: Contact for further information