

JOB TITLE: Assistant Swimming Coach

SERVICE: Special Schools

DIVISION/SECTION: Sherbourne Fields School

JOB REQUIREMENTS

KNOWLEDGE:

- Knowledge of Health & Safety issues related to poolside
- Understanding of the purpose of education and of the role of special schools
- Awareness of equal opportunities issues, especially those relating to people with disabilities
- Understanding of the processes involved in teaching and learning
- The responsibilities of a Swimming Assistant
- The swimming pathway, fundamental movement, core aquatic skills and component parts of strokes

SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Written & oral communication skills sufficient to present information and deal with enquiries

Ability to:

work as a member of a team and liaise effectively with others
 establish and enforce appropriate standards
 use initiative and work with limited supervision
 work in a busy environment
 explain tasks simply and clearly
 be supportive, patient and caring
 meet pupils' personal care needs
 deal with situations calmly and efficiently
 participate in manual moving and transfer of pupils
 keep clear accurate records

Willingness to:

be flexible to work in other areas of the school
 be involved in professional development and to receive relevant training
 be flexible and to adapt to change
 be able to support with personal care

QUALIFICATIONS/TRAINING

Examples of possible qualifications already gained:

- SEQ or ASA level one Swimming Assistant (teaching) qualification. Essential.
- ASA level 2 teaching qualification or willingness to learn
- A valid NPLQ or the willingness to learn
- Swimming Teachers Lifesaving Certificate or a willingness to learn
- First Aid Certificate
- Or, willing to undertake swimming teaching qualifications and further training

EXPERIENCE

6 months plus past experience of teaching children to swim **or**
6 months past experience of assisting a teacher in swimming lessons