

***SERVICE AREA: CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES***

***DIVISION: INCLUSION***

***SECTION: Sensory and communication support service (SenCom)***

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**JOB TITLE: 2 x Specialist Teaching Assistant (Vis) – Welsh medium**

**SALARY: Grade 6**

**HRS/WEEK: 32.5 hrs**

The specialist teaching and learning assistant’s duties will include planning, preparing and delivering learning activities, in which monitoring and assessment, recording and reporting are key features. Supporting an inclusive ethos for all learners in which educational progress, attainment and expectations are in line with their age and ability profiles is key to this role. This position is to primarily support Qualified Teachers of Vision Impaired (QTVI) and Habilitation Specialists in the delivery of support for access to learning and learning to access education, independent living skills and early mobility and orientation skills with children and young people with vision impairment.

The specialist teaching and learning assistant ensures children and young people develop appropriate skills in the use of specialist equipment and resources and supports the use of digital technology in learning activities.

The specialist teaching and learning assistant supports learners’ development within agreed work programmes (Braille/print) with a key focus on literacy, numeracy and well-being. Progress within target areas is closely monitored and evaluated in order to provide objective and accurate feedback to teachers.

The specialist teaching and learning assistant prepares, plans and manages specific activities/teaching programmes and ensures the learner develops increased confidence and independence within the school setting, home and the wider community. The successful candidate will learn braille literacy in both English and Welsh.

A greater understanding of the needs of the children who would be supported through this role, can be found in the [Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment | RNIB | RNIB](https://www.rnib.org.uk/professionals/health-social-care-education-professionals/education-professionals/curriculum-framework-for-children-and-young-people-with-vision-impairment/)

Due to the nature of this role you must be able to travel independently to meet the requirements of the post. A full driving licence and access to a vehicle is required.

Appointment would be subject to successful references and an enhanced DBS check.

For an informal discussion regarding this vacancy please contact Sarah Hughes, Head of SenCom Vision Impairment Service. [Sarah.Hughes@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hughes@torfaen.gov.uk)

These posts are subject to a Standard/Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service

**Welsh language skills are essential for at least one of these posts. You are welcome to submit your application in English or in Welsh. Each application will be treated equally.**

Please e-mail completed applications to [recruitment@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@torfaen.gov.uk). Alternatively send application form to: The Recruitment Team, Floor 4, Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6YB.

**Closing Date: Friday 23rd February 2024**

**Shortlisting Date: Monday 26th February 2024**

**Interview Dates: Monday 4th March 2024**

**Post Ref:**