**Person Specification**

*‘Every Achievement Counts’*

**Music Therapist**

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| **Attribute** | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | First degree or equivalent  Post-graduate diploma in Music Therapy  State registration as a Music Therapist with the Health and Care Professions Council |  |
| **Experience** | Working with pupils with complex physical, communication and medical needs  Working with verbal pupils  Multi-disciplinary team working | Work independently  Experience of managing music therapy students on placement |
| **Skills** | Music therapy assessment, intervention and evaluation skills  Able to work independently, prioritise and manage time effectively  Able to play a range of instruments for concentrated periods of time especially the piano and guitar  Record keeping in line with GDPR requirements  Writing reports for end of block sessions and for EHCP review meetings  Able to establish and maintain highly effective communication with pupils, colleagues and parents. | Evidence of specialist skills development  Makaton signing  Use a range of visual communication strategies |
| **Knowledge** | Current music therapy practice  Of music therapy assessment methods and intervention theories and practice with pupils with learning difficulties  A variety of psychotherapeutic theories and models applicable to practice | Government policies and legislation and the impact on practice |
| **Aptitude** | Evidence of building and sustaining good working relationships  Highly effective communication skills  High levels of self-motivation  Commitment to professional development including receiving information and training on the implementation of health care plans and practices  Promote the agreed school ethos, attitudes and values in all aspects of work with pupils, colleagues, support staff, parents and visitors  Have due regard for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and to follow the child protection procedures and the school’s safeguarding policy |  |