

**School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)**

	Essential	Desirable
Experience & Qualifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Experience of working with children</li> <li>2. Awareness of the social/emotional needs of young children</li> <li>3. Ability to communicate with adults and children</li> <li>4. Ability to work in a team</li> <li>5. Demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the council's policies on Equal Opportunities</li> </ol>	<p>Candidates must be willing to undergo training both in school and via specialised courses.</p> <p>Knowledge of First Aid.</p>
Special Abilities	<p>Candidates must possess good communication skills, both written and spoken.</p> <p>Qualities for working with young children are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. patience</li> <li>2. sensitivity</li> <li>3. creativity</li> <li>4. punctuality</li> <li>5. reliability</li> </ol>	
Personal Qualities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Candidates must be able to adapt to the needs of the children</li> <li>2. Display confidence when working with them in a group situation</li> <li>3. Be able to work under the direction of the class teacher/ senior midday supervisor</li> <li>4. Be of clean and tidy appearance</li> </ol>	<p>A sense of humour is always beneficial to those working with children</p>
Physical Fitness	<p>Working with young children is very demanding and requires an active, fit person.</p>	