# Being a great specialist teacher across the whole school

I am a whole school teacher, in EAL/ESL and PE, and this requires a diverse set of skills and traits to effectively educate and support students. I believe I have essential skills and traits to be a whole school teacher:

## **Strong Communication Skills:**

I have effective verbal and written communication with students, parents, and colleagues as this is crucial.

I have the ability to explain complex concepts in a clear and understandable manner.

## Adaptability:

I have flexibility in adjusting teaching methods, materials, and strategies to meet the needs of diverse students.

I have the capacity to adapt to changing curriculum standards and educational technologies.

### **Classroom Management:**

I am skilled in maintaining a well-organized and positive classroom environment (more here). I have effective behaviour management techniques to ensure I provide a productive learning atmosphere.

### **Curriculum Development:**

I can design and implement lesson plans that align with curriculum standards and educational objectives.

I can integrate various teaching resources and technologies into lesson planning.

### **Patience and Empathy:**

I teach Pre-school, where patience is vital! I have patience in working with students who may have different learning paces and abilities.

I have empathy towards students' individual needs, backgrounds, and challenges.

### **Problem-Solving:**

I have the capability to identify and address academic, behavioural, and social issues that may arise in the classroom.

I find creative solutions to help students overcome learning obstacles.

# Assessment and Evaluation:

I have the proficiency to create fair and meaningful assessments to measure student progress. I can analyse assessment data and adjust instruction accordingly.

# **Collaboration:**

I am willing to collaborate with other teachers, specialists, and support staff to ensure students receive a well-rounded education.

I am a good partner to have, as I participate in school-wide initiatives and professional development.

## Time Management:

I can efficiently manage my time to cover various subjects and activities within the school day. I can balance grading, planning, and administrative tasks effectively.

# **Passion for Teaching:**

I have a genuine love for teaching and a dedication to students' growth and development. I have a continuous desire to learn and stay current with educational trends and best practices. I read research and am subscribed to many relevant websites, YouTube channels, and podcasts.

## **Cultural Competence:**

I am very sensitive, I have an awareness and respect for cultural diversity in the classroom. Inclusion of diverse perspectives and experiences in teaching materials and discussions is **very** important to me.

## **Resilience:**

I can handle stress and challenging situations that may arise in the classroom. I have a commitment to the long-term success and well-being of students.

## Self-Reflection:

I have a reflection book I write in a few times a week. I have a willingness to reflect on teaching practices, seek feedback, and make improvements.

These skills and traits are vital for a whole school teacher to create a positive and effective learning environment, foster student growth, and contribute to the overall success of the school community.