

Rachel Edwards

Speech and Language Therapist Assistant



Personal Profile

I am a highly motivated individual who has worked within the education sector with young people who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT) since 2016.

Professional Qualifications

Bangor University: 2012- 2015

BA Childhood Studies

In addition to my core modules the additional modules I studied and researched were PMLD, Autism and the importance of communication. I was also the course representative in year 2 and 3. I attended regular meetings with the director of education, course director and tutors. Along with this I was also a course mentor, where I worked and helped with new students and students who needed support. Whilst in my final year I worked in Romania with a charity called Teams4u, where I volunteered in 3 villages to provide literacy support and wellbeing.

Deeside College: 2010- 2012

BTEC National Diploma Level 3 in Childcare, Learning and Development- MMP

Employment History

ATtherapy : July 2021 - Present

Speech and Language Therapist Assistant

I support a number of individual clients, both adults and children, delivering bespoke packages under the direction of the speech and language therapist. I also support the team with preparation of resources and software editing on a variety of systems and devices.

Saint David's High School : September 2016 - July 2021

Learning Support Assistant

In this role, I supported a pupil who had Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy and communicated through an AAC system, signs and gestures. My duties included, assisting around the school and classrooms, providing differentiation to set work where it was not accessible, eradicate barriers for inclusion, attend multidisciplinary team meetings, written risk assessments, personal emergency evacuation plans and diagnosing and fixing software and equipment malfunctions. I worked closely with a number of external agencies which included speech and language therapists.

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National Autistic Society : January 2016 - July 2016

Support worker

I supported individuals who all had a diagnosis of Autism and other learning difficulties. I assisted them with daily tasks such as, personal care, cooking, cleaning, finances, medication, accessing the community and education.

Two of the young adults I supported had communication devices, one accessed this via a switch and one through a pointer. I encouraged them to use their devices and ensured that they were set up correctly whilst providing support in fixing problems when they arose. Complying with all policies and procedures, I ensured that all paperwork was accurate and completed for handovers. This was essential so the transition of staff never affected the individuals we were supporting.

Excell Supply : May 2014 - January 2016

Teaching Assistant

I worked throughout the counties of Flintshire and Wrexham, within a range of educational settings. Placements varied from one day supply to long term, often working with statemented individual pupils.

Childline – October 2013 – June 2014

Counsellor

I completed a 6-month training course to become a counsellor for Child Line. I developed the skills needed to offer comfort, support and practical advice to the children and young people who contacted via online chat and telephone. The training was extensive and continued throughout, this was to adhere to the NSPCC policies and to provide up to date information for each young person who made contact.

Additional Skills

Makaton Level 2

Paediatric First Aid

National Autistic Society- Full Autism training

Safeguarding Level 1

Welsh speaker- GCSE and Welsh language Teaching Assistant qualifications

Brass Musician- I have previously run workshops, sessions and tutored in the local mainstream and specialist primary schools. I have seen first hand how music can help develop many skills such as turn taking, social skills, regulate breathing, behaviour and also communication.

Passionate about ensuring all people reach their communicative potential.

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