## **Range High School**

## **Teaching Assistant Team**

Range High has a fully inclusive approach to special needs and has received a Sefton Inclusion Award recognising the success of our pupils. The SEND department is highly regarded within Sefton and this is a reflection of the high standard of support we provide for our pupils. Our overall aim is to meet the learning needs of our pupils within mainstream classrooms.

We have a strong team of dynamic teaching assistants who bring a wide range of skills and knowledge to their role. The pupils we support have a range of requirements from physical disabilities to those with additional educational needs.

The role of our teaching assistants is varied and can include:

- 1. One to one support
- 2. Small group work
- 3. Whole class support.
- 4. Literacy intervention programmes (TA2 post only)
- 5. Social and emotional support groups
- 6. Personal care (TA2 and above posts only)
- 7. Support with eating, changing or toileting

Teaching Assistants are required to work across the curriculum supporting in a variety of subject areas from core subjects through to Physical Education. Training in manual handling is provided to all staff and there will be opportunities for additional training throughout the year. It is important that successful candidates are able to work as part of a team, have a flexible approach to their role and have excellent communication skills. The ability to establish a rapport with pupils is essential whilst maintaining a professional distance.