



JOB DESCRIPTION

APPRENTICE NURSERY PRACTITIONER

BOLTON SCHOOL NURSERY

MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB:

To ensure that the children in attendance at Bolton School Nursery receive the highest possible standard of childcare and professional practice.

MAIN DUTIES:

- To assist the Nursery Manager and other senior members of staff in the promotion and maintenance of a warm, stimulating and caring environment.
- To attend to any child's physical, emotional, social and cognitive needs whilst offering the child the opportunity to advance in their language development.
- To supervise children at snack and mealtimes, nurturing good manners and social skills.
- To assist in the planning, implementation and participation in variety of activities by age/stage of development appropriate to the child.
- To be aware of each child's ability encouraging and developing their self-esteem and independence during the day.
- To reflect non-racial and non-sexist attitudes through good nursery practice when dealing with children and parents at the Nursery. To welcome advice and assistance from our multi-cultural co-ordinator.
- To recognise the role that parents have already played in the early education of their child and that their continued involvement is crucial to successful learning.
- In consultation with the Nursery Manager, Deputy Manager, Team Leaders and Parents, assist in identifying a suitable care plan when accommodating children with special needs.
- To ensure that the nursery is a safe and healthy environment. To report any concerns or problems to our health and safety coordinator, who in turn will advise the Nursery Manager/Senior Deputy Manager/Deputy Manager.
- To seek advice of a designated first aider in the event of a child having an accident at Nursery. To ensure completion of any necessary documentation at the time.
- To ensure and maintain the health, personal hygiene and dignity of each child in the Nursery.
- To carry out any other duties as may be required within the position of Nursery Practitioner.
- Comply with and promote the Foundation's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures and maintain a safe environment for children, staff and visitors ensuring that reasonable care is taken at all times for the health, safety and welfare of yourself and other persons.
- To be familiar with relevant policies and procedures and to take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of the children and young people in School.

Nursery Duties Specific to the Care of the Young Child

- To implement the necessary health and safety, fire, accident and emergency procedures in accordance with Bolton School Nursery's policies.
- To carry out all nursery tasks in accordance with the shift/rota system. It may be necessary to carry out additional duties, temporarily, in the absence of colleagues.
- To liaise with colleagues when finishing a shift, advising them of any information which is to be relayed to the parents when the child is collected from Nursery.

Responsibilities and Duties to our Parents

- Excellent communication skills and the highest standards of nursery practice are required when liaising with our client group.
- To maintain a professional, friendly yet constructive relationship with parents of children at our Nursery and with prospective visiting parents.
- Any problems arising with any parent or child must initially be discussed with your team leader or Deputy Manager.
- To attend monthly staff meetings, occasional parents evenings and open mornings as and when required.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

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EDUCATION/TRAINING/QUALIFICATIONS	ESSENTIAL/ DESIRABLE	EVIDENCE Application Form, Interview, Reference
Current First Aid Certificate.	D	Application Form
GCSE Mathematics and English at grade 4 or above	E	Application Form
KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE	ESSENTIAL/ DESIRABLE	EVIDENCE
Proven experience of providing childcare for age 0 to 5	E	Application Form & Interview & References
The ability to plan and organise relevant activities.	E	Application Form & Interview
PERSONAL SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL/ DESIRABLE	EVIDENCE
Competent and resourceful, able to use own initiative.	E	Interview & References
Caring, kind and approachable.	E	Interview & References
Excellent team worker.	E	Application Form & Interview & References
Conscientious and hardworking.	E	References
Ability to work calmly when under pressure.	E	Interview & References
Able to adapt to new situations.	D	Application Form & References
A flexible approach to work.	D	Application Form & Interview & References
Innovative and creative.	D	Application Form



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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SALARY

The salary for this position is based on National Minimum Wage for Apprenticeships, which is £10,158.72 per annum.

HOURS OF WORK

Contractual hours are 37 per week to be worked on a shift basis according to the needs of the Nursery.

HOLIDAY

20 days annual holiday, additional days (determined annually) between Christmas and New Year plus public holidays.

LINE MANAGEMENT

Nursery Manager

PENSION

The Governors of Bolton School will offer new employees the opportunity to join the Bolton School Group Personal Pension Scheme. The employee will be given the option to choose their contribution but as a minimum all members will be required to contribute 6% of their gross earnings and the School will contribute 10%. There is the option to join the Group Personal Pension Scheme on a salary exchange basis.

If you choose not to join the Group Personal Pension scheme and you fall into the category of “eligible worker” you will be automatically enrolled into the School’s alternative pension scheme, arranged via the Peoples Pension. The minimum employee contribution is 5% of “qualifying earnings” and the School will contribute 5%. Further details are available upon appointment.

OTHER BENEFITS

- Lunches will be provided free of charge on campus.
- Training and development opportunities will be offered.
- Easily accessible campus with strong transport links (including being on a direct bus route) and free parking on site.
- Sporting and leisure facilities will be available including gym, outdoor pursuits centre, swimming pool and tennis courts.
- Ride to Work Scheme available.
- Access to a free Employee Assistance Programme for all employees and their family members. As well as access to a 24-hour confidential helpline with counselling services, this benefit includes access to the Health Assured website and App, both of which have a wealth of wellbeing advice and guidance available.
- Life Assurance cover up until the age of 65.
- Warm and friendly community.
- Where appropriate fee remission arrangements will be offered for children to attend the Primary and Senior School.
- In line with school policy employees will have the opportunity to arrange to educate their children from Nursery age to 6th form; all on the Bolton School campus.

All offers of employment will be made subject to the successful applicant providing the original qualification certificates, relevant to the position and as outlined in their application form. Identification documents will also be required including passport or picture driving licence, birth certificate, marriage certificate where applicable, current pay slip and evidence of address e.g. utilities bill, bank statement. Eligibility to work in the UK will be checked. After the appointment is made the successful candidate will be required to complete a medical questionnaire, a check of the Children's Barred List will be done and an Enhanced Criminal Records Check will be carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service. The School will seek two references prior to the interview.

As this role involves either working in early years provision, providing out of school care for children who have not attained the age of 8 or the direct management of such provision, satisfactory completion of a self-declaration form to confirm that the successful candidate has not been disqualified from working with children will be required.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a six month probationary period.