



Job Description & Person Specification

Playworker



Job Title : Playworker
Scale : Scale 1

Reporting Arrangements

Reporting to : Kids Club Manager
Accountable for : N/A

Job Purpose

- To assist the Manager in providing a high quality, inclusive play and child-centred setting.
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Main Responsibilities

- To assist in providing a high quality, inclusive play and care centred setting that meets the needs of children, young people and their families including those with additional needs.
- Provide support for pupils with SEND and supervise the activities of individuals both in and out of the setting under the direction of specialist staff.
- Act upon the appropriate advice to implement strategies given on how to support pupils with additional needs.
- To assist in the day to day organisation and operation of the setting in line with policies, school policies, OFSTED guidelines and safeguarding procedures and requirements.
- Support the manager to ensure the smooth running of the setting, promoting positive attitudes, attending meetings when needed.
- Assist the manager in day to day administration, record keeping and provision of snacks, as needed.
- Provide a safe, stimulating environment for the children and young people, ensuring play materials and equipment are properly used, maintained and stored, reporting any worn/ damaged materials to the manager.
- Supervise children and young people, organising/preparing creative and appropriate play-based learning opportunities for the children, ensuring the environment is left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of each session.
- Ensure the safety of all children in the event of an emergency and administer first aid when necessary.
- Record and monitor the safe arrival and departure of children and young people in line with agreed policy.
- Work closely with parents in maintaining an open and inclusive working partnership which supports the development of their children.

Trust Responsibilities

- Adhere to all Trust policies and procedures.
- Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all pupils.
- All staff are expected to be committed to the Equal Opportunities Policy, to work positively and inclusively with colleagues so that the Trust provides a workplace and delivers services that do not discriminate against people on the grounds of their age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, religion, creed, colour, nationality, ethnic origin or disability.
- Work flexibly in the interests of the service (this may include undertaking other duties provided that these are appropriate to the employee's background, skills and abilities).
- Travel between different sites of the Laurus Trust as required.
- Actively participate in performance reviews at regular intervals in accordance with Trust procedures.
- Undertake training courses organised by the Trust where these will assist in the carrying out of the above duties, develop skills which may be required to fulfil those duties in the future or are required to fulfil legal requirements.
- Refrain from smoking in any areas of Trust premises.
- Behave in a manner that ensures the security of property and resources.
- All staff are expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct as defined in The Laurus Trust Code of Conduct Policy.

Safeguarding

The Laurus Trust and its affiliated schools are committed to safeguarding and protecting the children and young people that we work with. As such, all posts are subject to a safer recruitment process, including the disclosure of criminal records and vetting checks. The post holder will be required to complete an enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Check with appropriate barred list checks, or the equivalent, and must be eligible to work in the UK.

We ensure that we have a range of policies and procedures in place which promote safeguarding and safer working practice across the school. This is in line with statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 and The Education Act, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Core Behaviours

It's important for all Support Staff to be able to demonstrate some or all of the core behaviours on a regular/daily basis:

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| ➤ Adaptable | - | Open to change, to be flexible. |
| ➤ Courageous | - | Willing to speak up, offer ideas, challenge the norm. |
| ➤ Hard Working | - | Strong work ethic, prepared to go the extra mile. |
| ➤ Inclusive | - | Treat others fairly and equally. |
| ➤ Engaged | - | Involved/absorbed in your work, participate at all times. |
| ➤ Value | - | Add value to your role, your team and the Trust. |
| ➤ Enquiring | - | Have an enquiring mind, curious, improve and find solutions. |
| ➤ Motivated | - | Pro-active, wanting to achieve goals, willingness to try, can do attitude. |
| ➤ Encouraging | - | Giving/offering support and confidence to others, working together. |
| ➤ Navigator | - | Providing guidance, leading when necessary. |
| ➤ Tenacious | - | Perseverance, never giving up, whatever it takes. |

Person Specification

Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Education and Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound educational background including GCSE's Maths and English (A*-C) or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L2 in Play Work or a relevant equivalent
Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with children aged 4 – 11 years • Ability to deliver play activities that children enjoy • Ability to support the team and the manager to ensure the environment is safe and encourages play based learning • Understands the value of play-based learning • Ability to work with the manager to plan and deliver activities to meet a range of needs and interests • Ability to help prepare snacks • Experience of delivering to deadlines and achieving set targets to a high standard • Experience of allocating and prioritising workload effectively to gain maximum productivity • Strong IT Skills including Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Word and Outlook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with young people who have special educational needs • Experience of working in a school environment/nursery/kids Club • Experience of working with confidential information • Awareness of current issues in the Education sector
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent planning and organisational skills • Ability to work independently to organise own workload • Strong interpersonal skills • Highly motivated individual with an innovative approach • Problem solving and analytical skills • Ability to demonstrate engaging oral and written communication 	
Other Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to make effective decisions • Ability to work accurately and methodically • Excellent time management • Ability to remain calm under pressure • Flexible • Good team player • Willingness to undertake further training • Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full driving licence