

Job Title: Forest School Practitioner

Responsible To: Manager

Accountable To: Nursery Manager/ Company Director

Responsible For: A group of key children

Liaising With: Health Visitors, Feeder school staff, other Childcare Professionals and external agencies

The Forest School Practitioner position is a full-time position.

The Forest School Practitioner will:

1. have an in depth understanding of the physical, social, emotional and language development of pre-school children.
2. understand the importance of learning through play and be able to successfully balance the two to provide structure when needed.
3. Be a key worker for a group of children
4. Maintain accurate and detailed records of the children to include: daily documentation of the child's learning, observations and learning journeys
5. intuitively identify children's interests and connect them with the tools and equipment to help achieve their passions and goals.
6. believe in empowering children to take ownership of 'risky' activities and help other staff identify creative ways to make that happen.
7. be excited about helping children explore their own interests and creativity using a wide range of resources including technology.
8. organise the term/year plan to include trips and projects
9. provide opportunities and a safe environment to challenge the children's understanding of the world and the environment
10. encourage curiosity and a sense of wonder and adventure
11. encourage and provide opportunities for questioning
12. facilitate engagement with high quality well planned activities, experiences and resources
13. broaden children's understanding and support their development in the 7 key areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage
14. Undertake such other duties and responsibilities of an equivalent nature as may be determined by the Management Team.