



Deputy Leader of Outdoor Preschool - Person Specification

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE	
Level 3 childcare qualification Paediatric First Aid Qualification Understanding of the EYFS curriculum from 2-5 years Understanding of a play based approach to children’s learning and development Recent safeguarding training	Forest school/outdoor learning qualifications A sound knowledge of forest schools approach in early years Food hygiene certificate
EXPERIENCE	
At least two years’ experience of working in an early years care and education setting or two years other suitable experience Experience of outdoor learning with children of preschool age	Management and organisation of nursery hours based on adult/child ratios Experience of ‘In the Moment’ planning
SKILLS AND COMPETENCES	
Ability to implement a preschool curriculum taking into account the SEN Code of Practice, Child Protection procedures and equal opportunities considerations Excellent communicator Flexible and adaptable Ability to work with parents and families Ability to deputise for setting leader in leading and managing a team of adults working in setting Ability to liaise with outside agencies as required, including facilitating Ofsted inspections	Ability to oversee Health and Safety standards for an outdoor EY setting Ability to take the lead in SEND provision Competence in use of ‘Tapestry’
PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS	
Enthusiasm and energy to be outside for most of the day Available to work 8am -5pm as required (at least 2 days per week) Ability to lift and handle play equipment and other resources	
MOTIVATION	
To love the outdoors Passion for working with children and nature Ability to play in nature	

Please note that prior to appointment the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and suitable references