

HOPSCOTCH

Children's Nurseries

JOB DESCRIPTION – PART-TIME NURSERY PRACTITIONER

Hours:	20hrs per week Monday to Friday over the lunchtime period
Holiday:	28-31 days per annum including statutory holidays (3 days holiday entitlement to be taken during the Christmas closure period)
Salary:	£8.43-£9.47 per hour
Probation period:	6 months from start date
Pension:	Workplace Pension Scheme
Notice period:	One calendar month

This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Scheme check at Enhanced level.

Requirements

At least two satisfactory relevant references
Current Basic Food Hygiene Certificate or willingness to gain
Paediatric First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain
To demonstrate the ability to read, write and communicate clearly and accurately in English
Childcare skills preferred

Main Duties

To implement and promote all Hopscotch policies and the Staff Rules.

To understand and demonstrate the importance of high standards for food safety, hygiene and cleanliness.

Your main duties will be to serve children's hot and cold lunches and teas with associated kitchen and housekeeping duties.

To have an understanding of children's development, their needs and the provision of positive play.

To demonstrate a genuine love for children.

To care for and supervise the group of children assigned to them.

To ensure their safety at all times.

To take an interest in the children and their families, to treat them as individuals and with respect at all times.

To create an interesting and stimulating environment for the child to develop all their skills.

To provide at all times a warm and caring environment for babies and to be as consistent as possible regarding that environment.

To provide support for any children with special needs and to liaise with senior members of staff to promote their welfare and development

To ensure positive management of children's behaviour.

To carry out housekeeping duties as appropriate.

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To support the ethos, implementation and legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

To support a commitment to the theory and practice of equal opportunities.

To ensure an adherence to the health and safety policy relating to the provision of play.

To understand and carry out appropriate Safeguarding Children procedures, as instructed.

To support all co-ordinators eg, senco and equal opportunities in their duties.

To ensure that all information pertaining to Hopscotch, its operation, children, staff and parents remains confidential.

To be flexible and adaptable, to assist in all areas of nursery work and to provide support for other members of staff.

To assist in the keeping of development records and observations, and accident, incident and risk assessment records as appropriate

To be able to think and act quickly in a stressful or emergency situation, and to be aware of the correct procedures.

To attend staff meetings and training courses as directed.

To work as part of that team and contribute positively to the staff team.

To go about your duties with a positive and enthusiastic attitude - to be organised, efficient, confident, hardworking and conscientious.

To provide a role model of good practice to other members of staff.

To promote at all times good relations between staff members, parents and children, and at all times promote the good name and ethos of Hopscotch.

To cover any other staff responsibilities as appropriate at the request of the Manager, particularly taking into account that unforeseen situations can occur when looking after children, and that the child's care and welfare is paramount at all times.

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PART-TIME NURSERY PRACTITIONER - PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

A willingness to gain relevant qualifications, if appropriate.

A basic understanding of children's development, their needs and the provision of positive play.

A commitment to the theory and practice of equal opportunities.

An awareness of health and safety issues relating to the provision of play.

An ability to carry out light physical duties to include lifting babies and children, housekeeping tasks and setting up the learning environment.

An ability to work on own initiative.

An ability to communicate effectively with parents and build a relationship of trust with them.

To possess a reasonable standard of literacy and the ability to write reports as appropriate.

A willingness to learn the policies and procedures of Hopscotch and to abide by the staff rules.

A willingness to adhere to the Hopscotch dress code.

A willingness to work as part of and contribute positively to the staff team.

A willingness to attend staff meetings, training courses and nursery parent's evenings as appropriate.

To possess a level of fitness to enable the lifting and handling of children and some equipment, the execution of light housekeeping duties and the ability to use a variety of cleaning products and personal protective equipment.

Desirable

Relevant skills for working with groups of children aged 0 - 5 years.

First Aid certificate

Food Hygiene certificate