

Job Description – Forest School Sessional Teacher

We are a small, friendly, holistic independent school for 3–9-year-old children set in a beautiful National Trust Park in Morden with excellent transport links.

We have an exciting opportunity for a talented, ambitious and committed Sessional Forest School Teacher to join our team where children’s wellbeing and happiness is at the centre of our vision and our unique curriculum approach.

Areas of Responsibility and Key Tasks

- To plan, prepare and deliver a range of Forest School sessions with children from 6 -11 years old.
- To liaise with staff prior to sessions to ensure plans are appropriate and all needs and expectations are met.
- Ensure Health & Safety requirements are met, including Risk Assessments which are continually checked and updated.
- To supervise and support children with varying needs while delivering sessions.
- To create and maintain an engaging, fun and supportive environment, demonstrating flexibility in planning and running sessions in response to varying/changing needs of children.
- To ensure that all sessions are well prepared and risk assessed.
- To be aware of and comply with all school Policies and Procedures.
- To participate in training and other learning activities/meetings as required.
- To administer basic first aid as the need arises.
- To observe confidentiality at all times.
- To undertake all duties reasonably requested by the Senior Leadership Team.

Person Specification (Essential)

Qualifications:

- Forest School Level 3 qualification including up to date Outdoor First Aid Qualification

Experience:

- Experience of working with groups of children at different stages of development.
- Recent and significant experience in leading Forest School/outdoor education sessions with children of a range of ages.
- Proven ability to plan and deliver environmental education-based activities to a wide age range of children.

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent verbal communication and interpersonal skills in order to communicate effectively with carers, children, families and colleagues.
- Ability to work effectively on own initiative as well as within a team.
- Ability to build relationships and promote change.

- Computer literate for report writing and recording.
- A flexible and proactive work ethic and a positive attitude.
- Skilled and knowledgeable in a range of age-appropriate outdoor activities including games and crafts, and able to share skills in line with good practice, policies and procedures.
- Excellent subject knowledge
- Good understanding of child development
- Good understanding of alternative pedagogies, such as Steiner Waldorf education
- Full working knowledge of current statutory and regulatory guidelines related to outdoor learning and education.
- Understanding of Child Protection & Safeguarding.

Personal Qualities:

- Enjoy working with primary-aged children from a range of backgrounds and commitment to supporting their physical, social and emotional development through forest school activities.
- Commitment to continued professional and personal development.
- Professional credibility & commitment to equal opportunities and valuing diversity.
- Demonstrate a commitment to supervision and reflective practice.
- Punctual and organised (can organise own work load and that of support staff/volunteers).

Job Type: Part time 6 hours per week plus planning

Pay: Negotiable and to be paid on a sessional casual staff basis per hours worked

Next steps

Please email your CV to admissions@thelondonacornschoo.co.uk marked Forest School Sessional Teacher. Closing Date for CVs is 31st March 2024, interviews will be held in April 2024

Please note that the school follows safer recruitment practices to protect children. The successful applicant will be required to undertake appropriate safeguarding controls including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) screening, online checks and reference checks with past employers prior to interview.

We expect candidates to demonstrate that they share our commitment to the wellbeing and safeguarding of children.

In addition candidates invited to interview will be required to complete a medical questionnaire and provide proof of qualifications.

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