

Job description

Job Title: Forest School Assistant – Contractual basis

Sessional Payment: £13.00-£15.00 per hour depending on experience

Hours: Ad hoc, as agreed

Place of Work: The Full SET Forest School Leader, various sites

Responsible to: Maddi Burgess

As a Forest School Assistant, you will be required to assist the Forest School leader in delivering Forest School sessions. You will assist in groups of children in an outdoor environment. You will be supported by the Forest School Leader and additional adults such as staff members, volunteers or trainees.

Job responsibilities:

- Assist the Forest School Leader in maintaining the smooth running of Forest School sessions.
- Set up and put away resources needed for each session's activities.
- Supervise and engage with children during activities, ensuring they adhere to the Forest School ethos of learning through play and exploration.
- Carry out any reasonable tasks as directed by the Forest School Leader.
- Use observation and reflection to make suggestions on improving future sessions.
- Show commitment to safe working practice including effective use of risk assessments.
- Ensure adherence to all Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and other policies as outlined in The Full SET Forest School Leader's handbook.
- To participate in training and other learning activities/meetings as required.

Please note: As a contractor for The Full SET Forest School Leader, you will be expected to invoice for your services at the agreed rate and will be responsible for paying your own tax and national insurance on a self-employed basis.

Skills and Experience (required):

- Safeguarding.
- Experience in working with groups of children, particularly in a forest school setting, aligned with the Forest School ethos.
- Hold a current enhanced DBS certificate registered on the update service.
- Understand how to facilitate holistic, child-led learning at Forest School.
- Strong communication skills to effectively interact with children, parents, teachers, and other stakeholders.
- Punctual, well-organised, and able to maintain a structured approach.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team while also being capable of working independently.
- Confidence and flexibility to adapt to the varied nature of the role.
- Creative and energetic, with a passion for Forest School and fostering children's development.

Skills and Experience (desired):

- Level 1 Award in Forest School Ethos and Principles or Level 2 Award for Forest School Assistants.

- Paediatric first aid certificate and/or outdoor first aid.
- Food hygiene certificate.
- Experience working with a range of SEN.

Personal Specifications:

- Be adaptable to changing circumstances and new ideas.
- Have energy and resilience.
- Have the confidence to act upon one's own initiative and to be proactive.
- Be reflective and creative.
- Embrace all weathers and stay positive.

Additional Information:

- **DBS Clearance:** As this role involves working with children, an enhanced DBS check will be required, along with satisfactory references.

The Full SET Forest School Leader

10th March 2025