



Play team member



Reporting to: School Business Manager

Working Hours: 11.30am - 1pm

1. Job purpose/overall description

Working as a member of the play team, you will ensure that all our children have meaningful lunchtime play every day. You will work as a member of the play team to create a safe and stimulating outdoor environment providing social, active and creative play experiences for all. The play team is also responsible for ensuring that all our children have a pleasant eating experience at lunch time, whilst maximising the time they can spend outside playing. You will support in setting up outside areas for play and are responsible for clearing and cleaning the hall to a state ready for use (eg for PE, school assemblies) in the afternoon.

2. Main duties

- Work as part of the play team to cover all lunchtime tasks daily. This will mainly include sessions outside.
- Work with the play coordinator to ensure all children have access to exciting play opportunities every lunch time.
- Facilitate play opportunities and act as an ambassador for play.
- Coordinate and communicate between play zones and dining hall to ensure all children visit the dining hall and eat their lunch.
- Assess play areas for risks daily and communicating any changes required.
- Assist with putting out and packing away of play equipment/kit.
- Record and report incidents of note that occur during lunchtime – e.g. site issues, behaviour, first aid.
- Assess and deliver first aid to pupils (if trained). Assist with first aid reporting.
- Clean dining hall furniture at the end of lunch. Sweep floor ready for use in the afternoon.
- Offer care, support and advice for children during lunchtime.
- Contribute ideas and suggestions to improve the team practices and performance.
- Promote and safeguard the safety and welfare of children in accordance with the School's child protection and behaviour management policies.
- Support and uphold the school's values system and our approach to behaviour management.
- Attend periodic team meetings and/or training for professional development.



3. Job context

The post holder will have an important role in working directly with our children; working alongside other play team members to deliver a programme of activities that is appropriate to the age and needs for the children in their care.

The post holder will work under the general direction of the play coordinator.

4. Supervision

The play team are required to supervise children at all times.

Please note: this supervision may be at some distance depending on the school's play policy (methods of supervision could include direct, remote and roaming).

5. Knowledge, experience, skills and personal attributes

- Enjoy working with young people (all ages in the primary school range 4 – 11 years).
- Positive and supportive attitude towards young people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- Strong teamwork skills; enjoy being part of a team, supportive, flexible and reliable.
- Practical, solutions driven.
- Friendly, approachable and caring manner.
- Dependable, with good time keeping.
- Willingness to try new things and work outside of their comfort zone.

6. Physical effort and/or strain

Working with children is demanding and requires stamina and resourcefulness. This post will require physical effort, such as initiating active games, demonstrating safe play, walking on uneven surfaces (slopes, sand) and moving 'loose parts' materials, containers and furniture.

7. Working environment

The working environment will be part, or all of the school premises or accommodation selected by the school. Areas of high use are the outdoor play spaces (playgrounds, field, outdoor seating, 'The Beach', Mud Kitchen, Forest School area), but not restricted to these.