Weston Way Nursery School

 Person Specification: Forest School Practitioner

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Experience** | * Experience of working with children in a preschool/nursery/school setting
* Relevant qualifications (e.g. NVQ Level 3 in Early Years/HLTA Status/Teaching degree)
* Level 3 Forest Schools Programme Certificate or willingness to work towards it.
* Training or expertise in a relevant curriculum or other learning area (e.g. Early Years Foundation Stage Framework)
 | * Working with pupils with a range of special educational needs
* Maths and Literacy GSCE [A-C]
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| **Skills and Attributes** | * Knowledge, understanding and practical experience of Forest School provision
* Know how to use a range of teaching and learning strategies to support children’s progress
* Plan effective activities for pupils
* Use therapeutic approach to behaviour strategies in line with policy
* Respond to young children’s needs
* Understands the importance of the unique child within a holistic approach
* Work independently
* Able to work effectively as part of a team
* Remain calm under pressure and be able to adapt to change quickly
* Show genuine care and respect for young children and their families and a commitment to working with them
* Have empathy with those facing barriers to their learning
* Contribute to a purposeful learning environment
* Encourage children to interact and learn cooperatively with others
* Respond to guidance and proactively seek CPD opportunities
* Be a positive role model
* Ability to recognise the importance of confidentiality at all times
 | * Support children’s learning through play
* Assist with escorting children on educational visits
* Use ICT effectively
* Contribute to children’s assessment data
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| **Knowledge** | * Understanding of relevant codes of practice/ and legislation
* Understanding of child development and learning
* Training in relevant learning strategies
* Early Years Framework
 | * Working within a creative curriculum
* Knowledge of health, safety and hygiene practices and requirements
* Attends staff training sessions where appropriate
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| **Safeguarding** | * Has up-to-date knowledge of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with, and the protection of, children and young people
* Displays commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.
 | * Possession of a current Basic First Aid or Paediatric certificate
* Possession of Level 1 Safeguarding certificate
* Willingness to undertake training for these qualifications
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