

Groundsperson

1 vacancy

5 days a week and 5 hours a day. The times can be flexible.

Job Placement summary

This is a unique opportunity to work in a primary school setting maintaining the school grounds. This includes a school forest area, spiritual garden, allotment and pond area.

You will play a vital part in the presentation of the school as well as helping to ensure that the outdoor areas are ready for the children to use to support their learning. You will have some prior knowledge of gardening and low level maintenance and take a pride in your work. Whilst there are specific tasks that must be worked towards each week, you will often have to have the discretion or common sense to 'see a job when it needs doing'

Jobs will include maintaining outside areas, weeding, hedge trimming, strimming, maintaining allotment spaces, clearing paths and playground areas. low level maintenance such as fence painting. There will be opportunities to further develop the school's outdoor areas with a focusing improving the natural environment around the school and giving children further opportunities to explore nature.

You will need to take responsibility for compliance with the School's policies with regard to Health & Safety, e.g. use of personal protective equipment. You will be required to manage the safe storage of grounds tools and chemicals, such as herbicides in accordance with the School's control policies (COSHH).

The post-holder will also be expected to act as an adult role model and support school policies when dealing with pupils or visitors to the school.

As part of the school team you will have additional opportunities to acquire training related to working in a primary school. This position could lead to further opportunities in grounds work.

Newnham St Peter's C of E School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check .

Essential Skills, experience and qualifications

You will need to be able to work primarily outdoors and be resilient to the unpredictability of the British weather. The role includes physical work. Prior experience / a knowledge of gardening (this does not need to be in a work capacity). Related science or horticultural qualifications would be beneficial but not essential.

Newnham St Peter's C of E School is located in the rural Forest of Dean village of Newnham of Severn. The village is accessible via bus but the ability to drive may be an advantage.