

Play Partner

1 vacancy

25 hours a week. Term time only 5 days a week and 5 hours a day 12 noon to 5pm

Job Placement summary

This is a unique opportunity to work with children aged 3 to 11 supporting with opportunities to play. This will give you experience of children both during the school day and in wrap around care. You will be able to support children in their own free play as well as see how play opportunities are incorporated into the school curriculum.

In this role you will provide valuable support to the teaching staff; working with others to delivered play opportunities. Some of these will be based in the school's forest school area. You will also be able to work with the midday supervisors, leading playground games. During wrap around care you will be part of a small team providing children with free play activities as well as arts and craft and board games. The nature of the work will normally be well defined but there will be opportunities for you to be creative an input on activities.

Training will be provided to deliver the school's play strategies and to support a range of behaviour in children as well as understanding mental health in children.

During the day you will be working across the school and in our outdoor settings with other staff members You will be responsible for small groups of pupils. You will consult frequently with the classroom teachers and the lunchtime line manager. You will be required to carry out and maintain routine filing or other record keeping requirements associated with classroom pupil records. There will be opportunities to work with staff in school to develop a wider range of play activities. You will assist teaching staff or teaching assistants where required, to meet the welfare or personal needs of pupils.

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 a role in primary school. This position could lead to further opportunities in the education sector. This could be as a midday supervisor. wrap around care leader, teaching assistant or pastoral worker.

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 literate and articulate with a GCSE pass in English and mathematics grade C / level 4 or above. You will need good interpersonal skills with both children and adults. You will need to be happy working indoors or outdoors. Prior experience with children would be beneficial (this can include voluntary work or work experience) .

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.