

Job Description

Job Title: Childcare Practitioner, Lunch Cover Oasis Nursery, Wisbech

Term time only – Fixed to March 2026

POS: CCC0745

Grade: NJC Grade 1 – £12.60 per hour

Overall purpose of the job

To provide cover over lunchtime and contribute to and support a high quality, inclusive play and learning environment meeting the needs of all children attending. To work as part of a team in order to provide a warm, caring and enabling environment in which all individual children can play. To build and maintain strong partnerships with parents/carers to enable children's individual needs to be met.

Main accountabilities

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1.	To contribute to and support a high quality, stimulating, inclusive play and learning environment and play opportunities meeting the needs of individual children and having an awareness of family cultures, medical histories and any disabilities.
2.	To liaise regularly with parents/carers about their children's needs and interests. At all times presenting as a professional and respectful role model to children and their families.
3.	Supervise children, and adhere to defined behaviour management policies. Recognise and respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns relating to children or adults, sharing these immediately with the relevant person.
4.	To be flexible within the working practices of the setting, undertaking other responsible duties where needed; domestic tasks, preparation of snacks, cleaning of equipment etc. To ensure good standards of health and safety, hygiene and cleanliness are maintained at all times.
5.	To work alongside qualified staff and the manager ensure that the setting's philosophy is fulfilled. To attend supervisions and relevant training .
6.	To read, understand and adhere to all policies and procedures relevant to your role and the safe running of the setting.
7.	To keep completely confidential any information regarding the children, their families or other staff that is acquired as part of the job. Ensuring professional boundaries are maintained according to policies.
8.	Demonstrate an awareness/understanding of equal opportunities and other people's behavioural, physical, social and welfare needs.
9.	Ability to contribute to our commitment of becoming a Net Zero organisation by 2030.
10.	Safeguarding We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults. We require you to understand and demonstrate this commitment.

Person Specification

Qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience

Minimum level of qualifications required for this job

Qualifications Required	Subject	Essential/ Desirable
NVQ Level 2 or above	Early Years or equivalent	Desirable
GCSE Grade C or above or equivalent (if required within Early Years or Childcare qualification gained)	English and Maths	Desirable
Paediatric First Aid	As per EYFS Statutory Framework requirement .	Desirable
Child Protection training	Current Basic Child Protection Training	Desirable

Minimum levels of knowledge, skills and experience required for this job

Identify	Describe	Essential/ Desirable
Knowledge		
Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework 2024.	An understanding or or willingness to learn about the Early Years Foundation Stage	Essential
Skills		
Communication skills	Good communication skills and ability to effectively communicate with and listen to, children, families and staff.	Essential
Organisational skills	Good organisational skills	Essential
Creativity and flexibility	Ability to engage children using an adaptable and flexible approach. Willingness to change plans and ideas to meet children's individual needs.	Essential
Experience		
Experience of working in early years and childcare settings	Previous experience of working in an early years setting.	Desirable
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Ability to demonstrate awareness and understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion and how this applies to this role.	Essential
Net Zero	Ability to contribute towards our commitment of becoming a net zero organisation.	Essential
Safeguarding	Demonstrate an understanding of the safe working practices that apply to this role. Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and well-being of children and young people/vulnerable adults.	Essential

Disclosure level

What disclosure level is required for this post?	None	Standard
	Enhanced	Enhanced with barred list checks ✓

Work type

What work type does this role fit into? (tick one box that reflects the main work type, the default work type is hybrid)	Fixed ✓	Hybrid	Field	Remote	Mobile
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