

Early Years Forest School Practitioner

The setting

Kingdom Preschool is a full daycare nursery school providing excellent, affordable childcare between the ages of 3 months and 5 years. To our nursery team, families and children, we are not just a nursery; we are a not for profit, Christian organisation and small community that offers so much more – from gorgeous nursery rooms to an all-weather outdoor, fully accredited forest school, nestled in our very own woods, *and* a commercial kitchen with an in-house chef who prepares freshly cooked meals. If you feel that you would like to be part of this exceptional nursery environment, then we would love to hear from you!

The role

We are looking to hire a minimum of a level 3, Early Years qualified person with preferably a full Forest School Leader level 3 qualification too. We would consider applicants with a level 2 Forest School qualification, or someone who is Early Years level 3 qualified and wants to gain the Forest School level 3 because they are committed to the outdoors and a sustainable ethos.

The ideal candidate

We are looking for the right individual to join our fantastic forest school staff team for this full-time position, essentially someone who is passionate about outdoor learning and forest school.

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate all the key requirements of the EYFS to a high standard, but also the passion to work outdoors, all year round, implementing the principles of forest school. You must be dedicated to working with young children to give them the best outcomes, coupled with a desire to be part of an amazing team that helps families gain the best opportunities for their child's development. If this sounds like you, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We offer our team

- A competitive salary, based on qualifications and experience, that properly reflects the importance of each role. As a guide, level 3 forest school practitioners start on £13.50 per hour. Higher rates are available, based on qualification and responsibility.
- Loyalty bonus (including extra holidays);

- Opportunities for career advancement for those keen to embrace responsibility;
- Valued support and training mentoring from a great management team;
- A team around you of supportive and dedicated colleagues;
- A free uniform and outdoor gear;
- Paid paperwork time, away from ratio;
- Regular (paid for) staff social events;
- A lovely working environment in a team that feels like a family;
- Plenty of career development opportunities and opportunities to train further;
- Free on-site parking;
- Competitive company benefits including company pension and health & wellbeing programme which includes access to BUPA mental health support scheme.

How to apply

Our company has been established on Biblical foundations; praying with staff and children each day, singing worship songs, and reading bible stories, is part of who we are. Whilst the position would therefore be perfect for a committed Christian, this is by no means mandatory, and we would consider any applicant willing to uphold our values and demonstrate our beliefs, in line with our company's constitution.

We are committed to safeguarding so all positions within our company are subject to our safer recruitment policy and will require references, DBS checks and proven, relevant qualifications. You will also be required to sign up to the DBS update service.

In the first instance, please email your CV and covering letter to Laura Rigden, stating why you would be ideal for this position. Successful candidates will be contacted to fill in an application form and be invited for a first interview. Email: laura@kingdompreschool.org.uk