

Job Title: Assistant Practitioner - Day Nursery and Forest School (0-5 years)

Overview:

As an Assistant Practitioner in our Day Nursery and Forest School, you will play a pivotal role in supporting the provision of high-quality care, learning, and development opportunities for children aged 0-5 years. You'll contribute to creating a nurturing environment that fosters exploration, creativity, and outdoor experiences through our forest school program.

Responsibilities:

- **1. Child-Centric Care:** Provide attentive and compassionate care to children, ensuring their safety, well-being, and individual needs are met throughout their time in the nursery and forest school setting.
- **2. Learning Facilitation:** Support the implementation of a diverse range of engaging activities, both indoors and outdoors, to promote learning, curiosity, and development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.
- **3. Forest School Engagement:** Assist in planning, organising, and delivering forest school sessions, encouraging children to explore and learn through nature-based experiences while ensuring their safety and adherence to health and safety protocols.
- **4. Collaboration and Communication:** Work closely with the nursery team, parents, and external agencies to provide comprehensive support and maintain open communication regarding children's progress, development, and any concerns.
- **5. Environment Maintenance:** Contribute to maintaining a safe, clean, and stimulating environment in both indoor and outdoor settings, ensuring resources are available and appropriately utilised for learning and play.
- **6. Observation and Assessment: C**onduct observations, track children's progress, and contribute to assessments to support individualised learning plans, identifying areas for development and implementing strategies to support growth.

Requirements:

- Relevant qualifications in childcare or early years education (e.g., CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Childcare and Education).
- Understanding of the EYFS framework and its practical application in childcare settings.
- First Aid and Safeguarding training/certifications.
- Passion for working with young children and an appreciation for outdoor learning.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues, parents, and external stakeholders.
- Ability to maintain a positive, nurturing, and inclusive environment for children's holistic development.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary and benefits package.
- Ongoing professional development opportunities.
- A supportive and collaborative working environment.
- Opportunities to contribute to innovative learning experiences in a dynamic nursery and forest school setting.

Application Process:

To apply, please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your experience, qualifications, and why you are passionate about working as an Assistant Practitioner in a Day Nursery and Forest School environment to manager@splat.ltd