



LITTLE THINKERS NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Nursery Practitioner
Responsible to: Deputy Manager

JOB PURPOSE

Under the direction of the Deputy Manager provide a high standard of childcare for children aged between birth – 2 within a stimulating and friendly environment that is physically and emotionally secure. Children's welfare must be of paramount importance.

KEY TASKS

- Maintain a high standard of professional conduct at all times, and a child centred approach to the care provided in accordance with national and Nursery policies/procedures, current legislation and the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.
- Work in Partnership with parents to encourage involvement in their children's development.
- Plan and implement a range of activities to ensure that the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of each child are properly met. Regularly monitor and evaluate the activities to suit each child's individual development needs.
- Use knowledge of child development and assessment records when planning activities to meet individual children's needs.
- Ensure the provision is a high quality environment to meet the needs of individual children from differing cultures and religious backgrounds and stages of development.
- Prepare materials and equipment at the start of each session and clearing away at the end. All toys, equipment rooms and play areas must be kept safe and hygienic at all times and as clean and tidy as is practicable. This will involve damp dusting, minor cleaning, sterilising and mopping up of spillage, etc.

- Ensure that toys and equipment are properly used, withdrawing immediately or rendering harmless any potentially dangerous items and arranging repair or proper disposal thereafter. Also reporting, immediately to superiors, any repair or maintenance work required to the fabric of the building.
- Ensure that the Manager is kept informed of the physical and emotional security of the children and that anything about a child that gives cause for concern is reported to the DSL immediately and acted upon accordingly.
- Comfort sick or injured children, having administered appropriate first aid, when appropriate.
- To be responsible for your own health, safety and welfare as well as the users of the Nursery in both normal and emergency situations in accordance with Nursery guidelines. Also being fully conversant with fire drills and other emergency procedures and taking responsibility for the children under your care.
- Supervising the children at meal times, and feeding as necessary having regard to health and hygiene in the preparation and handling of food.
- Act as a Key Person for a group of children maintaining accurate records as directed by Nursery Manager.
- Attend to the physical needs of the children (aged birth to 2 years). Generally fostering their development, independence and self-reliance. Liaising with the children's parent/guardian(s) at all times to help to achieve this.
- Adopt a flexible and teamwork approach to work at all times
- To inform Deputy Manager on levels of supplies.
- Assist the Deputy Manager by participating in and attending regular parents' evenings, publicity, open days and children's outings.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties as directed by the Deputy Manager, in accordance with the Nurseries business plan and objectives.

NB. This post is exempt from the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, applicants must be prepared to disclose any convictions/cautions they may have and any orders which have been made against them