

**Forest School Assistant Level 2**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Forest School Assistant who enjoys inspiring children to learn outdoors to join our wonderful Sevenoaks Prep team.

You will be responsible for running a Forest School programme for the children at our school. We are looking for a Level 2 Forest School Qualified practitioner with the imagination, enthusiasm and creativity to help deliver fun, memorable and educational outdoor experiences for children. You will support our Forest School leader with the outdoor learning programme whilst providing exciting and educational experiences outdoors for our children that links to the learning that happens in the classroom and beyond.

You will deliver a high-quality outdoor education that will enable our children to explore stimulating environments with hands-on experiences of nature. You will act as a positive role model, providing supported learning whilst developing self-awareness and self-esteem, and building confidence. You will also be responsible for championing the Forest School outdoor learning ethos within the setting and assisting our Forest School Leader with the training and coaching of the wider staff team on Forest School teaching methods.

You will help our Forest School team deliver activities that are inspirational and allow children to learn and develop their self-esteem, confidence, independence and responsibility through hands-on experiences in a natural outdoor environment.

**The successful candidate will:**

· Hold a Level 2 Forest School Qualification. We will also consider candidates working towards their L2Forest School qualification and other relevant Forest School/Outdoor Learning related qualifications.

· Have previous experience of working in a Forest School environment and planning and delivering Forest School sessions and outdoor learning including risk assessments and lesson plans.

· Have a good understanding of the English National Curriculum and ISI inspection regime

· Have a good understanding of all safeguarding and child protection procedures

**What we offer:**

· An exciting opportunity to work alongside other experienced Forest School Practitioners in a strong proactive team

· Established and well-resourced Forest School Grounds

· Excellent in-house training opportunities and the opportunity to gain further qualifications

**Information about the School**

Sevenoaks Prep is located in Godden Green, on the edge of Sevenoaks. We look for caring, friendly, hard-working team-players who appreciate our nurturing ethos and Way Of Life.

Sevenoaks Prep is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and is an equal opportunities employer. We aim to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, marital status, race, colour, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or disability and that all appointments are made purely on the basis of merit.



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**Job Description and Person Specification**

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| **Job Title: Forest School Assistant** |
| **Pay scale:**  |
| **Hours: Monday – Thursday 8am-4pm**  |
| **Reports to: Forest School Leader, AHT KS1 and Head of Early Years /Head of Pre-Prep**  |
| **Responsible for: Pupil’s progress and engagement of sessions, management of resources**  |
| **Job description:** |
| * Forest School assistant trained to Level 2 to assist the running of our popular forest school sessions with age groups from 2-7 years old and could be required occasionally with 2-13 year olds.
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| **Forest assistant duties:**  |
| * Working with the FS leader under their instruction to help prepare, facilitate, run and report on sessions
* Speaking to the children and answering nature questions, facilitating learning by supporting children to attain their own goals and develop their interests.
* Assist in the shaping, delivery, management and evaluation of all the activities in our Forest and outdoor areas.
* Assist with the day-to-day management of the Forest School area in line with our policies
* To assist the Forest School leader in carrying out pre-site checks and ensuring risk assessments and the health and safety of everyone on site are adhered to
* To assist the Forest School leader with updates to parents via the online learning journal
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| **General** |
| * Comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, equal opportunities, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting concerns to an appropriate person
* Be aware of and support differences and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
* Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the School
* Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals, in liaison with the teacher, to support the achievement and progress of pupils
* To participate in the performance and development review process, taking personal responsibility for identification of learning, development and training opportunities in discussion with line manager.
* To comply with individual responsibilities, in accordance with the role, for health & safety in the workplace
* Ensure that all duties and services provided are in accordance with the School’s Equal Opportunities Policy
* The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

The duties above are neither exclusive nor exhaustive and the postholder may be required by the Headteacher to carry out appropriate duties within the context of the job, skills and grade. |
| **Person Specification** |
| Essential: | Desirable: |
| * Level 2 Qualified in Forest School Assistant.
* Ability to work with all age groups, but ideally from the ages of 2-7 years old.
* Energy and enthusiasm required to support the leader and work with a large group of children.
* The desire to work in an amazing and unique outdoor area offering forest school and continuous outside, messy, exploratory learning and play in all weathers.
* An infectious passion for the natural world.
* Strong team player.
 | * Experience in planning and leading a variety of forest school sessions.
* Paediatric First Aid certificate.
* Experience of working with children.
* An awareness of health and safety in a woodland environment.
* A proven track record of positive and effective behaviour management.
* Advocate of child centred pedagogy.
* Practical outdoor skills.
* An understanding of the Forest School philosophy.
* A basic awareness of the English National Curriculum.
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