**Academy of Woodlands**

**Forest School Lead / Forest School Teacher**

**Person Specification**

**Experience**

* Experienced in working with children in education or play work.
* Ability to motivate and inspire children across the range of age, ability and confidence.
* To be clear, confident, fair, with good behaviour management skills appropriate to the age of the child. Knowledge
* Level 3 Forest Schools Programme Leadership Certificate
* Hold a teaching qualification (desirable not essential)
* Hold a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate, (or be willing to undertake the training)
* Hold a Food Hygiene Certificate (or be willing to undertake the training).
* An understanding of Health & Safety requirements and welfare issues of working with children aged between 2 and 11.
* Knowledge, understanding and practical experience of Forest Schools provision for children aged between 2 and 11.
* Knowledge and practical understanding of child development and pedagogy.
* Knowledge and understanding and practical experience of sustainable woodland management and education within the outdoor environment.
* Knowledge and understanding of schools, their ethos and how they work.

**Skills**

* Able to work independently and to manage own time efficiently.
* Excellent communication skills.
* Ability to link the outdoor learning to the school curriculum and design a progressive skills based curriculum
* Ability to work individually and as part of a team.
* Ability to manage support staff and volunteers.
* Ability to effectively manage risk and produce thorough risk assessments, putting suitable measures in place to ensure the safety of all staff and children
* Ability to think creatively and adapt activities to allow all pupils to be included and a commitment to equal opportunities for all learners.

**Personal Attributes**

* Love of the outdoors and nature.
* Self-motivated.
* A flexible approach to work commitments.
* Excellent role model for learners, staff and volunteers.
* Ability to sustain moderate levels of physical effort
* Willingness to work exclusively out of doors, on uneven surfaces and in unpredictable weather conditions