

EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE
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Registered as an Educational Charity

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	SENIOR NURSERY WORKER
BASED:	NATIONAL DSP (East/South/North/West)
RESPONSIBLE TO:	DEPUTY NURSERY MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	NURSERY WORKER(S) NURSERY ASSISTANT(S)

JOB PURPOSE: To provide inclusive play and learning opportunities for all children attending the setting and to maintain a safe, stimulating and enjoyable environment. To be responsible for Early years Foundation Stage curriculum planning within the setting and to oversee the provision, in the absence of the Deputy Manager and Nursery Manager

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENT:

The Alliance is committed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. It is a requirement of all staff that they share this commitment and follow the prescribed policy and procedures to continuously promote a culture of safeguarding across the whole organisation

MAIN DUTIES:

1. To meet children's learning and development needs by providing stimulating and age-appropriate play and learning and development opportunities.
2. To be fully aware of the Alliance's operational policies and procedures and ensure procedures are followed, implemented, monitored, reviewed by all staff this includes ensuring that all accidents and incidents are recorded and reported as outlined in the policies and procedures.
3. To ensure that the setting is actively engaged in continuous quality improvement through (and beyond) participation in Excellence Through Reflection and ensure that identified improvements are implemented in your area.
4. To take responsibility for the planning, delivery and monitoring of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework in accordance with the children's learning and developmental needs
5. To support the Nursery Manager by managing the staff in the room on a day to day basis, and by ensuring that the S.M.A.R.T targets set by the Nursery Manager are met.
6. To provide regular feedback on safeguarding and practice issues and action taken at one to one meetings with the Nursery Manager.
7. To support and offer guidance to volunteers, students and apprentices on placements and work experience and agency practitioners in the room.

8. To carry out observations in order to establish that the children's development, general health and well-being is being enhanced and maintain a consistent standard of observations and development records.
9. To keep informative, accurate and up-to-date records of any behavioural or developmental concerns.
10. To take responsibility for drawing up action plans to address any identified key issues.
11. To supervise the children and to protect them from dangerous or harmful situations. To provide a high level of care that will enhance children's general health and well-being
12. To take responsibility for daily health and safety checks and regular risk assessments in his/her part of the setting including toy and equipment maintenance.
13. To prepare snacks, set up and clear away at meal times and supervise children during meal times.
14. To adhere to the Alliance's safeguarding procedures to promote the welfare and safety of children within the setting and to share any welfare or child protection concerns immediately with the Nursery Manager
15. To provide a high level of care that will enhance the children's general health and well-being.
16. To promote equality of opportunity and foster an inclusive culture and environment. To promote equal opportunities ensuring individual children's needs and circumstances are known and met through the care and education provided. To be aware of the harmful impact on children in relation to discriminatory experiences.
17. To provide a variety of outdoor activities to cover all areas of the children's learning and development, as well as supervising outdoor play in all weathers.
18. To act as a key person to a group of children and ensure their needs are reflected in the routines and curriculum of the setting.
19. To recognise and act upon children's additional or special educational needs and ensure staff support these children effectively. To contribute to Common Assessment Framework intervention and support
20. To liaise regularly with parents, carers and guardians about their children's needs, interests and progress undertaking the role of key person or back up key person to a group of children.
21. To provide opportunities for parent/carer/guardian meetings to allow two-way discussion of their children's progress.
22. To work with Nursery Manager and Deputy Manager, liaising with other rooms or local schools to support the children in the smooth transition from one room to the next or to school, or sharing information with another practitioner, sharing care.
23. In the absence of the Deputy or Nursery Manager to liaise with the setting's cook or food provider on menu planning ensuring the children receive a healthy diet, taking into account individual dietary needs, allergy requirements, cultural diversity and Ten Steps ethos.
24. To contribute to and attend his/her supervisions.

25. To attend regular team /staff meetings and to make a positive contribution and to take the lead in the early years foundation stage team meetings.
26. To contribute to the overall planning and development of the care and curriculum within the setting.
27. To liaise and work in partnership with other agencies, both statutory and voluntary, as needed.
28. To attend any conferences, training events or meetings identified by the Nursery Manager and to keep up to date with current good practice.
29. To adhere to the Alliance's policy and procedure on confidentiality.
30. To manage the setting and undertake all the necessary duties in the absence of the Deputy and Nursery Manager.
31. To work in other rooms in the setting as directed by the Nursery Manager/Deputy.
32. To perform any other duties as deemed necessary by the line manager or Nursery Manager.

EQUALITIES:

The post-holder must be aware of and respect difference and ensure that children have equality of access to opportunities to learn and develop. S/he must have an understanding of and commitment to equality of opportunity and anti- racism issues.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The post-holder must be aware of and comply with all the charity's policies and procedures including those relating to: child protection, health & safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, bribery and corruption, signing agreement and contracts and financial.

This job description is not an exhaustive list of duties and you will also be required to carry out any other duties which may reasonably be required of you in accordance with the needs of the Alliance. You are also required to be flexible and adaptable with respect to your role.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Criteria:

1. It is a statutory requirement that: "staff have a sufficient understanding and use of English to ensure the well-being of children in their care." Section 3.26, EYFS (2014).
2. A minimum Level 3 early years education and childcare qualification (e.g. Pre-school Learning Alliance *Diploma in Pre-school Practice*, NVQ 3, or equivalent) as seen as full and valid by the DFE and a commitment to obtaining further qualifications as appropriate.
3. Post-qualification experience in working in early education and childcare.
4. A sound understanding of child development and children's needs with an ability to plan and implement the curriculum in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage, taking into account

the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, safeguarding procedures and equality and diversity considerations

5. Ability to inspire people to deliver results, high standards and sets clear objectives for self and the team, taking appropriate and timely action to ensure targets are achieved
6. The ability to plan and implement an early years age/stage appropriate curriculum, taking into account the SEND Code of Practice, safeguarding procedures and equal opportunities'.
7. Ability to communicate verbally this includes the ability to establish rapport and credibility with external agencies, mothers, fathers and other carers.
8. Ability to communicate in writing by being able to produce clear, concise and accurate reports and correspondence, e.g. for disciplinaries, business plans, child protection/safeguarding reporting and for recruitment purposes etc. using Microsoft and other computer packages.
9. Ability to communicate in a variety of ways and with people at all levels, and adopt a communication method appropriate for the listener or audience.
10. Ability to communicate the need for quality and continuous improvement, and influence good practice through example.
11. The ability to develop partnerships with parents/carers/guardians in respect of their own needs for advice, education and personal development.
12. Ability to support the development of his/her team through regular discussion and team meetings which encourage two way communication and sharing of ideas and expectations.
13. Experience of supervising staff on a day to day basis.
14. Able to recognise the signs and signals of child abuse and safeguarding concerns and have knowledge of what to do to protect children and safeguard welfare.
15. To be aware of the harmful impact on children of discriminatory experiences and ensure that children feel valued and respected for who they are
16. Ability to be pro-active, reflective and self motivated.
17. Ability to remain calm under pressure and able to multi-task.
18. Able to work as part of a team and on own initiative.
19. Demonstrates professionalism in approach to managing all issues.
20. Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of current legislation relevant to the Early Years.

Core management competencies - Please refer to Appendix 1 for details of the core management competencies that Senior Nursery Workers are expected to work to.

- Leadership
- Managing people
- Managing teams
- Communication
- Customer awareness
- Problem solving

- Planning and resource management

Desirable:

1. Experience or knowledge of the voluntary sector.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Grade DSP SNW

Salary Range

Allowances (if applicable)

Annual Leave: 25 days plus 8 Bank Holidays

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and does require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Applicants must be prepared to disclose any convictions they may have and any orders which have been made against them.

Pension: The table below shows what the base contributions are, and the dates they will rise. You can also choose to give more than the minimum amount should you wish.

Date effective	Employer minimum contribution	Employee minimum contribution	Total minimum contribution
6 April 2018 to 5 April 2019	2%	3%	5%
6 April 2019 onwards	3%	5%	8%

JOB DESCRIPTION SIGN OFF

Date issued by Manager:

Name:

Signature:

I confirm that I have received a copy of this job description and have had any questions about it answered.

Name of post holder:

Signature:

Date:

Core Management Competencies

Leadership

- Has a good understanding of the Alliance's vision and strategy and inputs effectively into the operational plan for their department/DSP/Sub-committee.
- Thinks strategically and clearly relates goals and actions to the strategic aims of the charity.
- Communicates the need for quality and continuous improvement and influences good practice through own example.
- Inspires people to deliver results, high standards and sets clear objectives for self and the team, taking appropriate and timely action to ensure targets are achieved.
- Creates and supports a culture of creativity, innovation and critical thinking throughout all activities and staff within areas of responsibility.
- Manages change effectively and clearly communicates the need for it to the team, providing them with support to effect it.
- Understands the need to safeguard all children in the context of his/her role and ensures the team understand safeguarding responsibilities relevant to their roles.

Managing people

- Is effective at recruiting, developing and motivating a diverse range of people.
- Clearly informs staff of their tasks and responsibilities, ensuring staff understand and work in line with the Alliance's policies and procedures.
- Holds regular one to one and annual appraisal meetings, sets and monitors S.M.A.R.T objectives and gives constructive feedback designed to improve future performance.
- Delegates effectively and adopts a management style which encourages trust, collaboration, commitment and enthusiasm in order to gain high levels of performance from all staff.
- Encourages and stimulates others to make the best use of their talents to develop further using coaching techniques.
- Acknowledges and records achievements.
- Adapts his/her management style as the situation necessitates.

Managing teams

- Knows the team's strengths and abilities and makes best use of the talents of staff.
- Supports the development of his/her team through regular discussion and team meetings which encourage two way communication and sharing of ideas and expectations.
- Deals effectively and openly with negative issues and conflict and builds a team which has respect and consideration for each others role.
- Coaches and motivates the team to strive towards contributing to the achievement of the strategic plan.
- Fully involves team in forthcoming issues so that individuals and team goals can be anticipated and planned together.
- Ensures that his/her team works in collaboration with other teams across the charity.
- Creates a learning and supportive environment.

Communication

- Communicates in a variety of ways with people at all levels and adopts a communication method appropriate for the listener or audience.
- Actively listens, asks questions, clarifies points and establishes a mutual understanding.
- Presents information clearly, concisely and confidently to individuals and groups.
- Communicates complex ideas, problems and difficult messages in ways that promote understanding.

- Uses excellent communication skills to negotiate, influence and persuade others.
- Is aware of non verbal communication in self and others.
- Makes full use of IT to communicate effectively and uses social media responsibly, in line with the Alliance's policies and procedures.

Customer awareness (internal and external service users)

- Understands the environment in which the charity operates and the impact on its customers.
- Understands the diverse needs of customers that use our services and proactively strives to provide a service that is flexible and responsive to their changing needs.
- Uses feedback mechanisms to evaluate and review services to consistently deliver a high quality service.
- Strives to produce real improvements in the way services are delivered to customers.
- Creates and maintains meaningful relationships and understands collaborative and partnership working.
- Deals with the concerns of customers in an appropriate manner, in line with Alliance's policies and procedures.
- Is mindful of professional boundaries when interacting with customers.

Problem solving

- Identifies and acknowledges problems and critical issues in a timely manner.
- Analyses relevant data and information and tests assumptions in order to deliver the best solutions whilst keeping a clear focus on key issues and goals.
- Anticipates and reviews problems in order to ensure contingency plans are in place.
- Collaborates with others in order to draw on their expertise to achieve best possible outcomes.
- Makes decisions that minimise organisational financial loss, loss of reputation or legal challenges.

Planning and resource management

- Effectively manages self.
- Being proactive in seeking out new initiatives which deliver desired outcomes.
- Demonstrates sound knowledge of financial management and business planning.
- Obtains and allocates resources sufficient to meet objectives and manages resources and skills well.
- Produces effective plans that have clear priorities, realistic milestones, sound review mechanisms and takes into account all available information.
- Checks progress of activities against plans, spotting trends and issues, responding with appropriate solutions.
- Effectively records and reports progress against plans.