



JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

FOREST SCHOOL LEADER

Responsible to:	The Headteacher
Location:	Ley Hill School
Hours:	Part time or full time depending on candidate preference
Salary:	Bucks Pay Scale 3 Fixed Term for one-year, then permanent following a review

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: An enthusiastic, highly motivated and inspiring person to be our Forest School Leader, working in our fantastic, dedicated on-site outdoor space. The right person will be reliable, love working with children and have a passion for outdoor learning in all weathers! This will be a new initiative for the school and our community have been fund-raising to make this happen. We are looking for someone who will create engaging learning opportunities that enable children to develop creativity, resilience, empathy and a love of the world around them. We want someone who places wellbeing as the foundation of their practice and recognises children's different social, emotional and physical needs. You will be supported by senior leaders, staff and families, and have access to professional learning and the opportunity to grow with us as we plan ways to further develop our outdoor environment.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ROLE: To work with children from Nursery to Year 6, developing and delivering learning activities in our Forest School space that will provide an element of risk taking within a safe environment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Forest School lessons

To ensure all children can access effective, engaging Forest School lessons by:

- Planning, preparing and delivering lessons for children from Nursery to Year 6
- Setting up activities and preparing the equipment and materials needed for each lesson.
- Keeping the Forest School area, materials, tools and equipment in a suitable state.
- Ensuring health and safety, including writing and checking risk assessments for activities.
- Being responsible at all times for high standards of care and education of all.
- Communicating effectively with the Headteacher, other staff and parents/carers.

NB: This role is almost exclusively outdoors and will require working in unpredictable weather conditions.

Forest School development

To take a leading role by:

- Developing the Forest School curriculum.
- Helping to promote the Forest School to the school and (in future) the wider community
- Developing community links to support the Forest School provision and the wider school.
- Bringing creative ideas develop our outdoor learning environment.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desired
Qualifications		
Forest School Level 3 accreditation (or at least L2 working towards L3)	✓	
GCSEs or equivalent in English and Maths	✓	
Current first aid qualification (preferably Paediatric)	✓	
Experience		
Experience of working with children in an educational role	✓	
Recent experience of working in a Forest School	✓	
Recent experience of leading a Forest School		✓
Recent experience of working with children within the primary age range		✓
Hold a Food Hygiene Certificate (or be willing to undertake training)		✓
Understanding of Health & Safety requirements and risk assessments	✓	
Skills and abilities		
Able to create an effective learning environment	✓	
Able to related to and work with children of different ages and abilities	✓	
Able to work successfully and co-operatively as a member of our staff team	✓	
Able to develop positive, professional relationships with staff, parents/carers, governors and others in our school community	✓	
Able to communicate well (both orally and in writing) to different audiences	✓	
Able to work in an organised manner and meet time deadlines	✓	
Able to manage risks effectively and produce thorough risk assessment	✓	
Able to inspire trust and confidence in children	✓	
Able to encourage high standards of pupil behaviour at all times	✓	
Able to remain calm when issues arise	✓	
Personal Qualities		
Positive and enthusiastic	✓	
Creative and willing to take risks	✓	
Happy to work outdoors in all weathers	✓	
Team player	✓	
Intelligent and reflective	✓	
Punctual, reliable and committed	✓	

The job description may be amended at any time following discussion with the Headteacher.

This post is subject to an **enhanced DBS with barred list check**. It is an offence to apply if you are barred from working with children.