



## **Outdoor Learning and OPAL Leader for Holy Trinity C of E Primary School (4–11 year olds)**

**Term time only. Delivering outdoor learning every day to small groups, half classes or full classes of children.**

Includes time for preparation, planning and maintenance every day.

### **What is the job role?**

The main focus of this role is to plan and deliver outdoor education activities to children from YR to Y6.

- To ensure that teaching activities are in line with the National Curriculum and link in with teachers' other planning.
- Be responsible for the set-up, clear up and stock control of the Forest school, events and activities.
- Gain a thorough knowledge of all Forest School events and activities and a wider knowledge of the Trust.
- Be prepared to undertake the Forest School qualification *if not yet obtained*

Your job will be to deliver a fun and engaging outdoor curriculum. Though this is not pure Forest School or Outdoor Learning position, we are looking to develop a progressive curriculum which links to classroom learning, practical skills and a connection to nature closely linking to our character curriculum and developing 'learning to learn' skills.

You will co-ordinate OPAL provision at break and lunchtimes and be included in the training of this initiative.

**The site is an amazing space with a woodland area, large field and wildlife habitats.**

- Plan, prepare and deliver purposeful and productive activities for children.
- Be prepared to innovate and devise imaginative and varied ways of teaching the Outdoor Education school experience to children.

- Encourage children and show enthusiasm for the subject indoors and outside in the wider environment.
- Record children's development and progress.
- Select and use a range of different resources and teaching styles appropriate to the Forest School experience.
- Ensure familiarity with the school's health and safety guidance and be mindful of own health and safety and that of the children.
- Promote positive management of behaviour of children; establish routines and boundaries to ensure the safety and good behaviour of the children.
- Supervise the children at all times.
- To be a positive role model to all staff and display an appropriate professional manner at all times.
- Where agreed, contribute to staff meetings.
- To document appropriate communications to staff.
- Support the school in developing and maintaining successful and professional relationships with parents.
- Develop imaginatively to the curricular and the outdoor education programme of the school as required by the Head of School.
- Attend staff meetings, parents' evenings and similar important functions both in and out of normal school hours, and participate in the main Open Day for existing and prospective parents and children.
- Continue professional development and attend any relevant training as required.

### **Is this you?**

We are looking for someone who has experience of leading groups, in outdoor learning/outdoor activities, ideally with:

- A Level 3 qualification in Forest School/Teaching/Outdoor Learning or other relevant qualification.
- Current First Aid and Safeguarding qualifications or be willing to undertake training.
- Initiative, self-starter and a positive, can do-attitude.
- Experience of behaviour strategies and SEN would be an advantage.
- Fun, can-do attitude, wanting to be part of a developing team.
- A passion for nature and getting children outdoors.
- Flexibility: occasionally due to changes in the school programme, you need to be able to think on your feet and respond to sudden changes to plans.

- Drive to develop yourself within the role, a commitment to the role and being able to deliver the core hours.

### **Other Duties**

You are required to undertake such other duties appropriate to your grade and content of the work as may reasonably be required of you. The above list of duties is not intended to be exhaustive and the Trust reserves the right, in consultation with you, to amend and update your job description to reflect changes to the role.

### **Health and Safety**

As an employee of the Academies for Character and Excellence, you have a responsibility to prioritise the health and safety of yourself, your colleagues, and any individuals who may be affected by your work activities. In accordance with our commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment, you are required to adhere to the Trusts health and safety responsibilities.