**OUTDOOR LEARNING PROJECT LEADER**

**RESPONSIBLE TO: Head teacher or School Business Manager**

**SALARY: Scale 5 point 12**

**HOURS OF WORK: 3 days a week/ all year around/ one year contract**

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

**Job purpose:**

**The post holder will support teachers in accessing outdoor learning spaces.**

**The post holder will care for, manage and develop identified garden areas and livestock, making them useable for the children and appropriate for curriculum use.**

**The post holder will work closely with the outdoor education lead to continue to build the whole school vision for outdoor learning across the school.**

**The post holder will develop links with the wider school community and manage garden volunteers.**

**Main duties and responsibilities:**

* Offer support to teachers when they access the identified garden areas by working with the children and share skills, knowledge and expertise related to the role of gardener.
* Set up and run children’s gardening clubs (lunchtime/after-school/holiday time)
* Ensure that all health and safety issues related to identify garden areas are addressed to enable children and staff to use these areas safely.
* Be responsible for purchasing required materials, plants and equipment so the gardens can be cared for, managed and developed effectively.
* Develop the school’s food growing and selling capacity.
* Work collaboratively with the Design and Technology Lead to further develop food growing in line with the cooking project.
* Using a Community Development approach to encourage and enable project users to improve their skills for food preparation and growing.
* Work collaboratively with colleagues as part of a professional team, working at all times within the school’s policies and procedures.
* To look after the chickens and their living space ensuring they are cared for and can be accessed by the children as part of the outdoor learning project.
* To undertake additional or other duties as may be appropriate to achieve the objectives of the post and as directed and deemed appropriate by the Head Teacher / School Business Manager

**Selection criteria:**

* An ability to lead the School Ground’s Project and the ability to communicate its aims effectively.
* An ability to develop a management plan, prioritise workload and meet specified deadlines.
* An ability to work on own initiative.
* Excellent interpersonal skills.
* Relevant qualifications and membership’s (desirable).
* Relevant experience of working as a school/organisation gardener.
* To demonstrate organisational skills: for example planning and delivering projects in a community setting.
* Competent in the use of information technology.
* Possess good judgment, presentation, time management and organisational skills.
* An understanding of the third sector and organisational sustainability and fundraising issues.
* DBS check

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