



**Cheddar First School & Preschool**

*Where every child is at the heart*

## **Preschool Practitioner (Maternity Cover)**

**Start:** January 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter

**Hours:** 35.5 hrs per week, term time only

Flexible within the hours of 7.30am-6.00pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

**Contract:** One Year, but dependent on return of postholder

**Grade:** Grade 15.3-15.4 (£22,737 - £23,114 FTE – pay award pending)

**Actual Starting Salary:** £18,202 per annum

We are looking to appoint a L3 qualified caring and enthusiastic Preschool Practitioner to join us in our expanding Preschool in the heart of the community. This role will involve working with children between 6 months to 4 years. At Cheddar First School and Preschool we support each other to provide a quality learning experience for all our children in a fun environment.

### **Candidates will need to demonstrate:**

- A confident, caring and friendly attitude
- Excellent communication skills, competently liaising with parents and other professionals
- Flexibility, teamwork, and supportive of other practitioners in the setting
- Commitment to maintaining a safe, secure and nurturing environment
- Good working knowledge of the EYFS framework
- Experience working with children aged 6 months to 4 years
- Commitment to promoting the ethos and values of the school and getting the best outcomes for all children

### **What we can offer:**

- Professional induction, training and continued professional development opportunities
- Staff benefits including reduced leisure centre membership and cycle to work scheme
- A staff assistance programme with specialist provider, CareFirst who provide a 24/7 free phone helpline, or face-to-face counselling for every employee in the Wessex family
- Exciting opportunities as part of a growing multi-academy Trust
- Local Government Pension Scheme with a generous employer contribution in excess of 20%, subject to pension eligibility criteria.

To apply for this position, please complete a support staff application form, (available on The Wessex Learning Trust website), together with a letter of application for the attention of the Headteacher, Mrs Suzi Smith. Your letter should be no more than two pages of A4, detailing your experience to date and why you are the best candidate for the position. Completed applications should be returned by email to [ccox@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:ccox@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk)

**Closing Date: On appointment of successful candidate**

**Interview Date: TBC**

***The Wessex Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding young people and promoting the welfare of children, and all staff appointed will undergo online checks and be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check.***