

### Person Specification – Senior Early Years Practitioner

Person Specification	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications and Training</b>		
Level 3 Early Years Childcare Qualification	Yes	
Evidence of recent further professional development	Yes	
Current 12 hour Paediatric First Aid certificate		Yes
Valid Food Hygiene certificate		Yes
<b>Personal Skills and Qualities</b>		
A natural affinity with young children	Yes	
Genuine care and respect for young children and their families	Yes	
An eagerness to support the whole school ethos	Yes	
To demonstrate high motivation and commitment to working with children and their families	Yes	
Ability to support other staff	Yes	
Well developed inter-personal skills and the ability to develop and maintain good relationships with staff, parents/carers, children and students	Yes	
Ability to work on own initiative and as a member of a team	Yes	
Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and written, with members of the team, parents/carers and outside agencies	Yes	
Personal and professional integrity	Yes	
Good organisational skills	Yes	
<b>Experience</b>		
Experience of providing high quality education and care to young children	Yes	
A commitment to quality early years practice	Yes	
Previous experience of working with 3/4 year olds	Yes	
<b>Professional Knowledge and Skills</b>		
A good knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and Statutory guidance	Yes	
An understanding of how best to assess and plan for children's learning and development	Yes	
A knowledge of child development and the ability to respect, recognise and respond to the individuality of children	Yes	
High expectations for children and themselves	Yes	
A commitment to inclusion of all children and families	Yes	
A commitment to involving parents and carers in their children's learning	Yes	
Knowledge of health, safety and hygiene practices and requirements	Yes	
<b>Suitability to Work With Children</b>	Yes	
Up to date knowledge of relevant legislation and guidance in relation to working with, and the protection of, children and young people	Yes	
Display commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people	Yes	