



**Playworker - Person Specification:**

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| **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| * Skills, aptitude, knowledge and experience * An understanding of the principles of Playwork * A commitment to the provision of high quality childcare * A positive approach to learning and gaining new skills through teamwork and training opportunities * Enthusiasm for consulting with children * Creativity to devise new ideas and engage the children in activities | * Previous experience of Playwork with children aged 4-14 in a voluntary or paid capacity * Knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Playwork Principles * Interest in the care, learning and development of young children |
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| **Personal qualities**   * Excellent communication skills, with children, colleagues, advisors and parents/carers. * Patience, punctuality, reliability and trustworthiness * A positive approach to inclusive practice, with children, parents/carers and colleagues * Enthusiasm for working with children and young people | * Good organisational and planning skills * Flexibility/ adaptability * Able to work in small teams |
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| **Qualifications**   * A positive approach to gaining further qualifications, and continuous professional development * Some understanding of the importance of Health & Safety and Food Hygiene in the workplace * Completion of a full and relevant early years and childcare or Playwork qualification at Level 2 (e.g. NVQ Level 2 in Playwork, Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s Workforce), or be working towards completion | * Completion of Safeguarding Awareness course (Group 2) * Health & Safety certificate * Paediatric First Aid certificate * Completion of other relevant courses |

This post requires a DBS check as there may be periods of unsupervised access to children. An Enhanced DBS and satisfactory references would be obtained prior to commencement of employment.