



**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
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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.