

Playworker Apprentice

Salary: £24,310 p.a. (£19,710 pro rata)

Fixed Term Contract for 18 months

Completing Level 2 Playworker qualification with Jace Training

30 hours per week on annualised hours contract usually working between 18 and 37 hours per week including weekend and evenings. Peak demand for service is during school holidays with no more than equivalent of 5 days leave to be taken in the summer holidays and no more than equivalent of 10 days leave to be taken in school holidays per leave year.

Portsmouth City Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is also committed to promoting quality childcare across the City that works to improve outcomes for children.

DBS Disclosure at Enhanced level will be required prior to any offer of employment and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children's Board safer recruitment procedures.

The Service:

The Play and Youth Service boasts 6 unique Adventure Playgrounds in Portsmouth which are wild gems tucked away in the corners of the city. They are places for children to test themselves, be loud, be messy, be silly, be creative.... all the stuff that children excel in. Our Adventure Playgrounds have huge climbing structures designed to challenge agility, balance and imagination, and many have been co-designed and painted by the children themselves. There's a whole host of exciting things for children to become involved in, including a variety of indoor and outdoor activities such as inventive games, sports, arts and crafts, creative and imaginative play, designed to challenge, delight and inspire. Our playgrounds are staffed by playworkers and are free of charge, free for children to come and go as they please and free for children to direct their own play experience.

The best way to learn about the service is to visit our PYC (Play, Youth & Communities) website - <https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/>

What is the role?

We are looking for an enthusiastic fun and friendly person who has the ability to engage with children and their families, is able to be proactive and meet the needs of the children on an adventure playground.

You will be supporting activities for children aged 6 -13 at council run Adventure Playgrounds in the Portsmouth area. Activities include Arts & Crafts, Sports and other creative activities. You will be engaging and communicating with children from varying backgrounds as well as interacting with their parents and your own colleagues. You will also be responsible for ensuring the sites are a safe environment for children to play in and report any potential dangers.

What you'll do at work

- Assist with planning, preparing and delivering quality play opportunities within a safe and caring environment
- Helping to set up and lead a variety of play activities
- Consulting with children and involving them in planning activities.
- Helping with administration, where necessary
- Undertaking appropriate and relevant training
- Keeping the work environment healthy, safe and secure
- Building positive, caring relationships with children
- Ensuring children's safety and wellbeing at all times
- Learning from experienced practitioners while completing your apprenticeship training

Who is the person?

You need to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding for Safeguarding children in this role
2. Be committed to active learning to support positive play opportunities for children
3. Embed the play ethos and theory into daily practice, for gaining the L2 in playwork.
4. Be self-motivated and have enthusiasm to support creative activities for children.
5. Be able to relate to younger people.

6. Have good communication skills. You will be talking to a wide range of people including children, parents, and colleagues.
7. Be a team player who can work in small teams effectively.
8. Be flexible enough to be based in any of the play provisions throughout Portsmouth and the surrounding area.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As part of any recruitment process, Portsmouth City Council collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. Portsmouth City Council is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Completing and sending an application in for a vacancy is your consent for us to process your data for the purpose of recruitment. Your data is not used in any other way and you can withdraw your consent at any point in the recruitment process and we will destroy or delete your information.

For more detailed information on what we collect, how we use, store, delete data and your rights you can access a privacy statement on our Job board.

This role is eligible for a DBS check and the DBS have published a privacy notice to ensure individuals are fully informed of the use of their personal data; their rights and that Portsmouth City Council are meeting the necessary requirements when submitting DBS checks. It is important that you read and understand this privacy policy before any application is submitted to the DBS.

Visit the Gov website to read the full notice.

Please include the below statement in your application. It is important you know your rights.

I have read the Standards/Enhanced Check Privacy Policy for applicants and I understand how the DBS will process my personal data and the options available to me when submitting an application

Signed.....Dated.....

You will need to demonstrate that you have the Right to Work in the UK. No post will be offered without it.