

Play Development Deputy Site Leader

Salary: Band 6 - £28,239 to £32,061 per annum (£22,896.49 to £25,995.41 pro rata)

Hours per week: 30 hours per week on an annualised contracted hours basis

An annualised 30 hours per week contract requires working between 18 - 26 hours per week Mon - Sat during term time and 37 hours per week during school holidays. The role requires minimal leave to be taken in school holidays and therefore we allow at a maximum five consecutive days to be taken in the school summer holidays, and a further five days which can be taken in separate denominations within other school holiday periods. The role involves evening and weekend working within a 6-day rota Mon - Sat.

Location: Portsea Adventure Playground

Contract: Permanent

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. Every post is subject to PCC and Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership 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?

You will be the Play Development Deputy Site Leader based in one of PCC's 6 adventures playgrounds (APG), deputising for the Play Development Site Manager and supervising a small team in their absence ensuring that safeguarding procedures are followed within the day to day running of an APG. The primary responsibility will be the delivery of high-quality play activities which promote participation, inclusion and wellbeing. You'll support children to follow their own ideas and interests for play as well as leading a variety of interesting and fun play activities. The role works on 30 hour per week annualised contract where the successful candidate works a total number of hours over the year, rather than a fixed number of hours per week or month.

Who is the Person?

The following qualities and experience are essential:

You should have:

- Understanding of children and young people's differing needs and abilities.

- Ability to work with children face to face in a playful environment.
- Ability to work in a physically demanding role, with work predominantly outdoors on the adventure playground.
- Able to deliver a variety of play activities which can include (but not limited to): arts and crafts activities, sport activities, creative and imaginative play, gardening and nature based activities, fire and water play, self-build structures and supporting day trips and residential activities.
- Understanding of the importance of risk in play for children and young people.
- To be welcoming and approachable to children, young people, parents and other visitors, and to support partnership forming, extending and sustaining relationships.
- Able to work under pressure and manage conflict.
- Numeracy, literacy and communication skills, including the ability to use IT systems.
- Commitment to PYC and PCC policies, especially Health and Safety and Safeguarding.
- Able to work flexibly across the week Monday - Saturday and throughout school holidays and cover at any of the 6 Adventure Playgrounds.

The following would be desirable but not essential:

- Have some knowledge of maintenance and repairs; able to perform inspections of play structures and the playground space and carry out remedial repairs and ongoing maintenance.
- A clean full driving license, with MIDAS.

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