

## CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING – HR SERVICES

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Job No.	Post Title	Grade	JE Pts	Date
C1345	Senior Play Leader	Grade 5	NJC 433	April 2008

### School Purpose and Values

The post-holder will support the Catholic Ethos of St Modwen's Catholic primary school. In accordance with the document 'Christ at the Centre' the staff of St Modwen's are required to:

- Follow policies that reflect the teaching of Christ and the Catholic Church.
- Attend to the spiritual needs of children and young people as a constant priority.
- Care for the pastoral and special needs of children and young people in accordance with Gospel values and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- Promote the Catholic ethos of the school by example and ensure that it permeates all aspects of school life
- Take an active part in the Catholic Community, including attendance at INSET day related training and activities.
- Under an agreed system of supervision, provide safe and stimulating care for children.

### Support to Pupils

- Plan a range of suitable activities for children with an age range of 3-11 on a half-termly basis working in collaboration with external service providers and school business team.
- Leading on the development and implementation of a outdoor play and learning to support children's physical, educational and social and emotional development
- Providing a facility for children to do their homework.
- Ensuring the welfare and safety of children within our care.
- Promoting good behaviour with the group.
- Treating all children as individuals and to have a secure knowledge and understanding of their needs while they are within our care.
- To act a First Aider.
- Motivating and encouraging the children to participate in activities.
- Liaising with Class Teachers and parents/guardians.
- Developing methods of promoting the children's self-esteem.
- Encouraging acceptance of children with special needs.
- To be ready at all times for emergency situations.
- Ensure a clean, tidy environment conducive to fostering good health and safety practice.
- Maintain up to date statutory and non-statutory policies and procedures required for the efficient running of the club.
- Ensuring the club is maintained to Ofsted standards of care.

### Support to Other Staff

- Leading a small team of Midday staff in the development and implementation of play and learning opportunities to support children's physical, learning and social and emotional development
- Ensuring all members of staff work together as a team.
- Guiding and directing other members of staff to meet the planned activities.

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**Support to School** (this list is not exhaustive and should reflect the ethos of the school)

- Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons you are responsible for or come into contact with.
- Comply and assist with the development of policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person using school safeguarding procedures and systems for recording safeguarding concerns
- Be aware of, support and ensure equal opportunities for all
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals
- Attend and participate in regular meetings
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advise and support others

**Note 1:**

***The content of this job description will be reviewed with the post holder on an annual basis in line with the School's performance and development review policy. Any significant change in level of accountability that could result in a change to the grade must be discussed with the post holder and the relevant trade union before submitting for re-evaluation.***

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### Person Specification Senior Play Leader Level 3

Essential Criteria	Measured By
<b>Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with children of relevant age.</li> </ul>	AF/I
<b>Qualifications/Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVQ 3 equivalent qualification or experience in relevant discipline.</li> <li>First Aid Training.</li> <li>Basic numeracy and literacy skills.</li> <li>Good understanding of children's physical and social and emotional development</li> </ul>	I
<b>Knowledge/Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to lead a team of Midday staff in creating a range of fun learning opportunities for children to develop their learning, physical and social and emotional development</li> <li>Ability to work constructively as part of a team whilst being able to demonstrate initiative.</li> <li>Ability to direct other adults.</li> <li>Excellent interpersonal skills to be able to relate well to a wide range of people.</li> <li>Good organising, planning and prioritising skills.</li> <li>Understanding of relevant policies/ codes of practice.</li> <li>Understanding the principals of child development and learning processes and in particular barriers to learning.</li> </ul>	AF/I

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<p><b>Behavioural Attributes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer focused</li> <li>• Has a friendly yet professional and respectful approach which demonstrates support and shows mutual respect.</li> <li>• Open, honest and an active listener</li> <li>• Takes responsibility and accountability</li> <li>• Committed to the needs of the pupils, parents and other stakeholders and challenge barriers and blocks to providing an effective service.</li> <li>• Demonstrates a “can do” attitude including suggesting solutions, participating, trusting and encouraging others and achieving expectations</li> <li>• Is committed to the provision and improvement of quality service provision</li> <li>• Is adaptable to change/embraces and welcomes change.</li> <li>• Acts with pace and urgency being energetic, enthusiastic and decisive</li> <li>• Communicates effectively</li> <li>• Has the ability to learn from experiences and challenges</li> <li>• Is committed to the continuous development of self and others by keeping up to date and sharing knowledge, encouraging new</li> </ul>	<p>AF/I</p>
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ideas, seeking new opportunities and challenges, open to ideas and developing new skills.	
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AF - Application form I - Interview

**Note 1:**

***In addition to the ability to perform the duties of the post, issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children will need to be demonstrated these will include:***

- ***Motivation to work with children and young people.***
- ***Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people.***
- ***Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours.***
- ***Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline.***