

Outdoor Learning and Games Teaching Assistant

Working Hours: 30hrs a week

Mon, Tues and Fri 12.00-16.30

Wed/Thurs 8.15-16.30

Desirable: Forest School trained (not essential, will be trained)

Key responsibilities:

1. Outdoor Learning

- Support the planning and delivery of outdoor learning sessions, including Forest School, nature exploration, environmental education, and bushcraft activities.
- Supervise and engage pupils in outdoor activities, ensuring safety and fostering curiosity and confidence in the natural environment.
- Assist with preparing and maintaining outdoor learning spaces and equipment.
- Encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and reflective thinking through practical, outdoor-based challenges.

2. Games

- Assist in delivering Games sessions across all year groups, including support for fixtures, team practices, and inter-house competitions.
- Help set up, supervise, and clear away equipment for lessons and matches.
- Promote a positive sporting ethos, teamwork, and sportsmanship among pupils.
- Support individual pupils to access Games according to their needs and abilities.
- Attend and support school sports fixtures (home and away), sometimes outside of regular hours.

3. General Teaching Support

- Work collaboratively with teaching staff to support pupils' physical, emotional, and social development.
- Foster positive relationships with pupils, encouraging enthusiasm, participation, and respect.
- Provide pastoral support as needed, promoting positive behaviour and a safe, inclusive environment.
- Assist with the supervision of pupils during break times, lunchtimes, and school trips.

Person Specification:

Essential:

- A passion for outdoor education, physical activity, and child development.
- Experience working with children in an educational or coaching environment.

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to motivate and inspire pupils of all abilities.
- A proactive, flexible, and team-orientated approach.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Understanding of safeguarding and child protection responsibilities.

Desirable:

- Qualifications or training in Forest School, Outdoor Education, PE, or Sports Coaching.
- First Aid qualification (or willingness to complete training).
- Knowledge of a range of sports and physical activities.
- Experience supporting competitive fixtures and co-curricular clubs.

Additional Information:

- The role may involve some late finishes, or weekend commitments during fixtures or special events such as open days.
- Full training and ongoing professional development opportunities will be provided, including training to become a Forest School Leader if not already qualified.
- This post is subject to enhanced DBS checks and satisfactory references.