

Job Description: Forest School Lead**Location: The Ropemakers' Academy****Reports to: Deputy Head****Employment Type: Full Time****Position Summary:**

The Forest School Lead will be responsible for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Forest School program, designed to foster outdoor learning and personal development among children. This role requires a deep understanding of child development, outdoor education, and safety management, ensuring that each participant engages in a transformative learning experience through nature-based activities.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Develop and deliver an engaging Forest School curriculum aligned with educational standards and best practices.
2. Lead outdoor sessions that promote social skills, confidence, teamwork, and resilience among participants.
3. Conduct risk assessments to maintain a safe and supportive learning environment.
4. Collaborate with educators and parents to track progress and promote the individual growth of each child.
5. Manage resources and equipment effectively to maximize learning opportunities.
6. Provide training and support to assistants and volunteers involved in the program.
7. Maintain up-to-date knowledge of relevant educational frameworks and outdoor learning methodologies.

Person Specification:**Essential Qualifications:**

1. Forest School Leader qualification or equivalent certification.
2. First Aid certification, particularly in pediatric care.

Experience:

1. Proven experience working with children in an educational or outdoor setting, preferably within the Forest School framework..
2. Demonstrated ability to lead sessions and manage groups effectively.
3. Experience in conducting risk assessments and implementing safety protocols.

Skills and Attributes:

1. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage children, parents, and staff.
2. A passion for nature and outdoor education, with a commitment to promoting environmental stewardship.
3. Adaptability and creativity in lesson planning and problem-solving in outdoor settings.
4. Strong organizational skills with attention to detail and the ability to work independently.

Personal Qualities:

1. Enthusiastic and motivating, inspiring children to explore and connect with nature.

2. Patient, empathetic, and understanding of the diverse needs of children.
3. Resilient and resourceful, capable of navigating the challenges of outdoor environments.

Application Process:

Interested candidates are invited to submit a single page A4 letter outlining their suitability for the role to Neil Davie, via ndavie10@beckmeadtrust.org

The Forest School Lead position not only plays a pivotal role in children's educational journeys but also contributes to their holistic development in an ever-changing natural environment. We welcome applications from candidates who are passionate about outdoor learning and committed to fostering growth through experiential education.