

Stowey Bears Pre-School Manger

Stowey Bears is a small village pre-school located in Nether Stowey (15 minutes drive from Bridgwater) and we are looking for a qualified Early Years Manager to lead our small and friendly team.

The Pre-school operates in a purpose built building on the same site as Nether Stowey CE VE Primary School and is very much a part of the local community. We have an all weather play area which was upgraded in 2019 as well as a more natural grassed play area for outside play, with one main room inside which was refitted August this year.

The successful candidate will have an enthusiastic and positive attitude along with excellent communication skill, and the ability to build strong, supportive relationships with children, parents and staff. We have a Business and Finance Administrator who the pre-school manager will liaise with over financial matters.

If you are passionate about working with children, would enjoy being part of a village community and have the right experience for this role, please apply today.

Role overview:

- To manage a small friendly team of early years professionals
- To be responsible for the day to day running of the pre-school
- To develop the pre-school curriculum and provide a stimulating learning environment for the children in our care.
- To take the lead in safeguarding children as designated safeguarding officer.
- To liaise with the Committee of Trustees.

- To support the named person (the committee chair) in dealings with Ofsted.

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Essential qualifications and experience required:

- NVQ Level 3 (or above) Qualification in Childcare and Education
 - At least 3 years experience of working in a pre-school setting
 - Sound understanding of child development and of children's needs
 - Ability to plan and implement the EYFS curriculum
 - Ability to work with parents and to encourage their involvement
 - Proven ability to build and lead a team successfully
 - Previous management experience, ideally in a childcare setting
 - Commitment to equal opportunities and understanding of religious and cultural diversity
- Ability to understand budgets and write clear reports

Desirable criterion:

- Experience of a parent managed or parent engaging pre-school.
- Level 4 early years education and childcare qualification or equivalent

- Passion for outdoor education and open-ended play
- Knowledge of the new EYFS

Benefits:

- Inclusive DBS checks and paediatric first aid training – you need these to fulfil the role and we do not expect our staff to pay for this
 - Discount on childcare should your own child need to attend the setting
 - Fully funded standard training courses with potential funding for additional training in areas of individual interest
 - Engaged and supportive management committee
 - 28 days annual leave with option of up to one week in term time
 - Salary £12.82/hr
- To apply for this position, please send a copy of your CV and cover letter explaining how you meet the required qualifications/experience and reasons for applying for this post.
- The closing date for the post is 6th January 2023 with interviews commencing the following week.