



Outdoor Learning Lead Key Stage 1

Overview

- Outdoor Learning Leader for **KS1** (5 – 8 year olds).
- 11 hrs per week. Term time only. Delivering 8.30 am – 3.30 pm on a Thursday, and 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Friday or Monday afternoons tbc. Includes an hour for prep., planning and maintenance, this can be reviewed.
- Starting September 2023.
- Pay £12.50 - £15, depending on skills and experience.
- Based primarily at West Croft Primary School, Bideford, there may be opportunities in other settings, see below for further details.

What is the job role?

The main focus of this role is to **lead** KS1 groups in outdoor learning. This will involve taking whole classes from Reception to Year 2, on a weekly basis. Your job will be to deliver a fun and engaging outdoor curriculum. Though this is not pure Forest School or Outdoor Learning, we are looking to develop a progressive curriculum which links to classroom learning, practical skills and a connection to nature. The site is an amazing space with woodland area, pond, large garden area (in need of some development) and wildlife habitats.

Is this you?

We are looking for someone who has experience of leading groups, in outdoor learning/outdoor activities, with:

- A Level 3 qualification in Forest School/Teaching/Outdoor Learning or other relevant qualification.
- Current First Aid and Safeguarding qualifications or be willing to undertake training.
- A current DBS or be willing to undertake one.
- Experience of behaviour strategies and SEN would be an advantage.
- Fun, can do attitude, wanting to be part of a developing team.
- A passion for nature and getting children outdoors.
- Flexibility, occasionally due to changes in school programme there may be a need to change days or lead KS2, you need to be able to think on your feet and respond to sudden changes to plans.
- Drive to develop yourself within the role, a commitment to the role and being able to deliver the core hours.

Terms and Conditions

We are a developing company (see below) so are happy to offer a flexible arrangement. We are looking for either; a freelance practitioner, they must have work elsewhere for this arrangement to keep the tax man happy, you will be responsible for paying and declaring your own income tax and associated costs! Or we will set up on a PAYE arrangement through the company, where we will pay tax and national insurance at source



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and offer associated benefits. There are two pay levels to reflect this arrangement.

We are a company who have ambitions to grow and there will be opportunity for more hours. There is scope across North Devon to deliver to more schools, pre-school and home education sessions, weekend birthday parties and holiday time clubs. We would be willing to widen the scope of the role, for the right candidate.

How to apply?

To register interest for the position please send a copy of your current c.v. and a covering letter outlining your skills, experience and qualities that make you a suitable candidate for the post.

Please send any expressions of interest to a.breathoffreshair@yahoo.com by 17th July.

Any candidates who meet the essential requirements for the post will be invited for a chance to look around the site, meet the groups you will be delivering to (hence the short deadline! Apologies) undertake a practical task and interview, this will try to be as informal as possible, but we want to make sure we are getting the right person for the role!

Who are we?

We have experience of running outdoor learning programmes, including Learning Partner to Forestry England in the West Midlands. We have relocated to North Devon and are building a new life and business in the area, wanting to share our passion and enthusiasm for getting outdoors, promoting the health and wellbeing benefits, nature connectedness and rewilding to child and adult hoods!

A Breath of Fresh Air is a collection of companies. We run:

A Breath of Fresh Air – Wild Nurture CIC – whose social aim is to provide outdoor learning experiences and opportunities to all. It does this through work with schools, community groups, pop-up Forest and Coastal Schools, delivering Nature Play! to pre-schoolers and working across North Devon. The aim of the CIC (Community Interest Company) is to be a sustainable business supporting it's social aims, but we are also looking to expand our provision to underrepresented groups through funding opportunities.

A Breath of Fresh Air – Outdoor Nurture Ltd – Set up to run holiday club provision, we are just starting our first venture running from Appledore Primary School, we are looking to provide Ofsted registered, outdoor, out of school provision, for primary aged children. As we develop, we are looking to be as inclusive as possible providing HAF funded places and pay it forward strategies supported by the CIC.

A Breath of Fresh Air – Outdoor Learning LTD. The aim of this company is to provide training and development in Outdoor Learning, Forest School and Coastal School. We are part of the Cambium Network of Trainers and have plans to develop an accessible, affordable, achievable, modular outdoor learning programme to promote and develop outdoor learning to as wide an audience as possible.