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| **essential** | **desirable** |
| **experience and knowledge** |
|  | * Experience of working with children, voluntary or paid
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| **education and qualifications** |
| * Literate and numerate
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| **abilities and skills** |
| * Good oral and written communication skills
* Good organisational skills
* Creative & imaginative skills in planning & providing stimulating experiences
* Ability to promote positive behaviour and a positive regard for different races, cultures, language and faith
 | * Knowledge of child protection
* Knowledge of EYFS
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| **traits and characteristics** |
| * A positive, sensitive attitude towards working and communicating with children
* A positive approach to difficult situations and challenges
* Ability to work both on own initiative and co-operatively as part of a team
* Ability to work in a non-discriminatory, sensitive and respectful way
* Patience and consistency in working with children and adults
* Commitment to the children’s centre policies and to developing quality services
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| **Circumstances** |
| * Ability to work flexible hours, which may include occasional weekends and evenings
* Fit to carry out all tasks associated with the post
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