



Co-Head: The Ark Pre-School

The Ark Pre-School is seeking a co-head to jointly lead and manage this caring early years setting. Recently rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, The Ark seeks to provide a nurturing educational environment in which all children are given the opportunity to thrive at this vital stage of their development.

The co-head will have joint responsibility for all aspects of the day-to-day management of the pre-school setting. However, The Ark is particularly seeking a candidate with the passion and vision to lead on the curriculum aspect of this role. This would involve leading on the short- and medium-term planning and would require not only excellent knowledge and understanding of the EYFS Framework, but also commitment to a child-centred, play-based approach which is in keeping with the ethos of the pre-school.

The Ark is part of the mission and out-reach of Liphook and Bramshott Church and as such has an explicitly Christian ethos. Therefore, the Co-Head is expected to work alongside the church team (for example in joint events, such as our Graduation Service); plan Bible-based teaching and activities as part of the curriculum; and support the spiritual as well as emotional needs of staff, children, and families.

This is a part time role (approx. 3 days/week) with a preferred start date of September 2020, although this is flexible, and attracts a competitive salary.

The successful candidate is expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate an ambitious vision, have high expectations for what all children can achieve and ensure high standards of provision and care for children.
- Improve staff practice, teaching and learning through effective systems for supervision, rigorous performance management and appropriate professional development.
- Evaluate the quality of the provision and outcomes through robust self-evaluation, taking account of the views of parents and children, and use the findings to develop capacity for sustainable improvement.
- Provide learning programmes and a curriculum that has suitable breadth, depth and relevance so that it meets any relevant statutory requirements, as well as the needs and interests of children.
- Successfully plan and manage the curriculum and learning programmes so that all children get a good start and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning, especially being ready for school.
- Actively promote equality and diversity, tackle poor behaviour towards others, including bullying and discrimination, and narrow any gaps in outcomes between different groups of children.
- Actively promote British values, as well as the Christian ethos of the setting
- Make sure that arrangements to protect children meet all statutory and other government requirements, promote their welfare and prevent radicalisation and extremism.

For more information, and an application pack, please contact The Ark Pre-School: info@thearkliphook.co.uk