

<b>Job title:</b>	<b>Play worker (early years)</b>
<b>Hours:</b>	<b>9 hours per week</b> (Monday and Friday mornings (8.30am – 1pm))
<b>Salary range:</b>	<b>£19,264 - £19,650 pro rata, per annum</b> (inclusive of pension contribution, sickness pay and holiday pay)
<b>Contract type:</b>	<b>1-year fixed-term contract</b>
<b>DBS:</b>	<b>Satisfactory enhanced DBS required</b> (paid for by SOFR)
<b>Closing date:</b>	<b>Midday on Tues 16th August 2022</b>
<b>Interviews:</b>	<b>Week commencing 22nd Aug 2022 / WC 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022</b>

## Role purpose and description

South Oxford Family Room is a fantastic place where families and carers come together to enjoy a wide range of free play and activities in a safe environment.

You'll help make all families welcome at our weekly stay and play sessions and support opportunities for a wide range of fun and stimulating play in our brilliant indoor and outdoor space.

You'll set up opportunities for imaginative play, lead arts and crafts, read stories, sing songs, and help prepare a healthy snack. You'll support all children, parents, and carers to get involved with the sessions and to enjoy quality playtime together.

## Key responsibilities

- Assist in the running of safe and stimulating stay and play session that are supervised by a play leader and supported by volunteers.
- Interact with children, parents and carers and support them to play together.
- To work with parents and carers to be aware of each child's physical and emotional well-being during the session and respond appropriately.

- Signpost parents and carers to other services on offer at the family room and in the wider community.
- Assist in the preparation of a healthy snacks for the children.
- Encourage families and carers to sign-in, complete registration and feedback forms and to make a small donation at each session if affordable.
- Assist in the set-up and close-down of the family room and gardens after each session including tidying (indoor and outdoor) and light cleaning.
- Be a key holder for South Oxford Family Room.
- Actively following health and safety legislation and support the safeguarding and wellbeing of all visitors to our stay and play sessions
- Work as part of a team and take responsibility for completing training that supports the safe delivery of stay and play sessions

## Selection criteria

### Essential

- NVQ level 2 in childcare, play work or equivalent
- At least one year's experience of paid or voluntary work with children and their families
- Ability to relate to a wide range of people and children and show empathy
- Working knowledge of play activities and an understanding of the importance of play
- Good standard of spoken and written English
- Ability to work effectively under supervision as a member of a team
- Ability to act under own initiative in safe manner
- Able to maintain confidentiality with privileged information
- Ability to address challenges and issues with positivity and sensitivity
- Awareness of health and safety issues relating to early years children
- Commitment to safeguarding children and awareness of child protection issues
- A commitment to equal opportunities and discriminatory practice
- Training in safeguarding children at 'generalist' level, as defined by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board in the last three years or a commitment to do so within three months of accepting the role.

### Desirable

- Up to date first aid training certificate
- Up to date food hygiene qualification/training
- Ability to work additional, flexible hours
- Experience of working with children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)