

Play Leader - OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Start date: February 2025

Contract: Permanent post - term-time only.

Hours: 10.30am -2.30pm each day. Total 20 hours per week

Reporting to: Head Teacher

Salary: £15,568 per annum (£30,630 full time equivalent)



The Head Teacher and Governors seek to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic Play Leader to join our friendly and hardworking team. This exciting role is fundamental to develop the school's OPAL play provision at lunchtimes. In accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, article 31 the role of Play Leader enables every child to engage in stimulating, child-led play opportunities, building their own worlds and directing their own actions.

Coldfall Primary School has unmatched outdoor space that provides the opportunity for the successful applicant to create a transformative play environment for the children. Our children have already benefitted from the transformation to our play offer in one year. We have a motivated group of parental volunteers who have already contributed their DIY skills to build storage, music shed, mud kitchen etc. The successful candidate will be able to work in partnership with the community to create and provide an inspiring, safe and unique play experience for our children.

'Yes people' with the vision and skills to make it happen are urged to apply!

Please see the attached photos of our grounds and facilities.

Please note this job is open to job share.

The successful applicant will:

- Lead, support and supervise the promotion of positive and creative play at lunchtime in line with OPAL practice and ethos.
- Lead on the setting up and organisation of equipment and resources for the children to use during playtime.
- Maintain, organise and carry out the replenishment of resources and manage the play environment safely
- Purchase resources as required.
- Seek funding sources.
- Collect resources (e.g., by contacting supermarkets and businesses, visiting shops for offcut materials etc)
- Supervise pupils in designated areas of the school (including playground or external spaces) during the lunchtime break, including supervision of pupils indoors on wet lunchtimes
- Manage the play team on a day-to-day basis; taking feedback, supporting issues and concerns
- Undertake relevant OPAL training as required.
- Support the school's Behaviour Policy and ensure that it is implemented effectively.
- Support the ethos of play in school according to the school play policy and OPAL.
- Attend to the health, welfare and safety of the children during lunchtime adhering to the school Health and Safety policy and procedures at all times

Prospective candidates can arrange to visit the school if they wish to see the outdoor facilities or learn more about OPAL. Please email recruitment@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

Please download and complete the Haringey application form (please use Microsoft edge) with reference to the job description and person specification. If you cannot download the application form, please email recruitment@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk and one will be sent to you. **CVs and letters of application will not be accepted.** The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 31st January. These should be sent by email to recruitment@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk. Interviews will be held the week commencing 3rd February.

Coldfall Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of all our children and staff. The position is subject to the completion of a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

We ensure fairness and equal opportunities throughout our staff team and welcome applications from suitably skilled candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, religion or age.