



# Brentwood School

PREPARATORY

## Forest School Practitioner

<b>Department:</b>	Preparatory School
<b>Hours:</b>	Part-Time: Mondays 12:00 – 15:30 Tuesdays 12:00 – 15:30  Term Time only, plus Wednesday 2nd April for INSET <b>This is a fixed-term contract until July 2025.</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	Miss Fran Sheridan – Director of Co-Curricular
<b>Job Purpose:</b>	To lead the delivery of inspirational Forest School sessions and outdoor learning to KS1 in our Forest School and woodland setting. Our Forest School has been an established part of the School for many years. The successful candidate will also be required to develop our Forest School offering further, working with staff across the school to ensure our beautiful woodland space is utilised as fully as possible.
<b>Key Responsibility /Accountability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan, prepare and deliver varied and innovative Forest School and outdoor education sessions for Key Stage 1, working with class teachers to align with and enhance the delivery of the curriculum where possible.</li><li>• Select and use a wide range of different resources and teaching styles, appropriate to the Forest School experience.</li><li>• Supervise, observe, mentor and support children when out in Forest School.</li><li>• To be responsible for high standards of care and education within the Forest School environment in accordance with Forest School procedures, best practice and any legislative requirements.</li><li>• Produce half-termly overviews and daily plans to evidence themes, aims and objectives of the Forest School and outdoor learning sessions.</li><li>• Record observations on development and progress of children, to be included in Learning Journals where appropriate.</li><li>• Plan resources, both for the longer term and on a daily basis for each Forest School session, ordering and maintaining equipment and resources.</li><li>• Promote the Forest School and outdoor learning ethos both within the School and explore opportunities to promote it to prospective parents and the wider community.</li><li>• Assist with strategic planning and communications. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to any longer term plans and proposals to use and develop the Forest School resource and explore opportunities for accreditation,</li></ul>

	<p>awards and schemes. They will also be required to assist in the promotion of our Forest School, for example, via our newsletter and website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to all relevant school policies and procedures.</li> <li>• Prepare, maintain and make staff aware of the relevant Risk Assessments in-line with the School's Health and Safety policies and procedures.</li> <li>• Advise and support the School in maintaining the Forest School area, liaising with our grounds team.</li> <li>• Continue with professional development qualifications and courses, disseminating knowledge to the team as appropriate.</li> <li>• Administer first aid where appropriate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Appraisal and Development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in appraisal arrangements in accordance with the scheme agreed with the Headmaster and Governors.</li> <li>• Review of individual teaching methods and progress from time to time.</li> <li>• Participate in appraisal arrangements for further training and professional development, in conjunction with the Headteacher or designated line manager.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person Specification</b></p>	<p><b>Essential qualifications, skills and attributes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3 Forest School qualification.</li> <li>• ITC First Aid qualification (outdoor first aid certificate).</li> <li>• A highly skilled Forest School Practitioner with a passion for working outdoors and desire to share that passion with others.</li> <li>• A secure understanding of the Forest School ethos coupled with an ability to apply this throughout all working practices, both with children and staff.</li> <li>• Knowledge, understanding and practical experience of Forest School provision for young children.</li> <li>• Excellent interpersonal and organisational skills. The successful candidate will possess an ability to communicate with staff at all levels and enthuse and motivate the children.</li> <li>• A flexible and proactive work ethic and positive attitude.</li> <li>• An ability to work independently and manage own time efficiently along with a commitment to working as part of a team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable qualities and skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NVQ level 3 childcare qualification or above.</li> <li>• An ability to create and implement systems for recording the development and progress of children.</li> <li>• Knowledge, understanding and experience of sustainable woodland management and education within the outdoor environment.</li> </ul> <p>To find out more about this role please contact the HR Department at <a href="mailto:recruitment@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">recruitment@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a> who will be able to put you in touch with Fran Sheridan, Director of Co-Curricular and Tim Sawyer, Deputy Head.</p>
	<p><i>To be committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of young people. To demonstrate this commitment in every aspect of this post. To adhere to, and ensure compliance with, the School's Safeguarding Policy at all times. You are required to report any safeguarding or child protection concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead.</i></p>