



GROWING TOGETHER • POSITIVE ATTITUDE • SUCCESS IN ALL WE DO

Gunthorpe Primary School are seeking to appoint a fun, motivated, enthusiastic and adaptable Learning Mentor/OPAL Play Coordinator who is passionate about play and understands the essential role it has in children and young people's lives.

We are about to embark on a new, exciting initiative and the successful candidate will translate their passion, knowledge and drive to lead an effective playwork team that is dedicated to providing a welcoming, inclusive and safe space for all children to play.

Fixed Term Contract 2 years on an initial basis.
Grade 8 Point 19 pro rata of £27852 pro rata FTE.
32.5 hours per week, term time only (38 weeks).

We strongly encourage visits to the school. These can be arranged by contacting the School Office on office@gunthorpe.peterborough.sch.uk, alternatively they can be contacted on 01733 571193.

This role will combine the OPAL Play Coordinator duties within the playground and non-contact time. The remaining hours are dedicated to Learning Mentor hours.

In the Learning Mentor role, the successful candidate will provide a complementary service to teachers and pastoral staff in the school, addressing the needs of students who need to overcome barriers to learning, both inside and outside the school, in order to achieve their full potential and to enable the school to raise standards of achievement, improve attendance and raise standards of behaviour.

The ideal candidate will be able to work under the direction of SLT and will:

Learning Mentor

- mentor children identified as needing support across the school regularly and to liaise closely with school teachers and support staff in order to support the children fully in overcoming barriers to learning both within and outside of the classroom.
- help develop pupils' confidence and self-esteem through listening to them and devising appropriate programmes of support in the classroom, outdoors and in a 1:1 and group setting.
- support children in the classroom setting with their academic learning, as well as working 1-1 and in small groups supporting their emotional intelligence.

- support in implementing and evaluating individual pupil support plans to promote positive behaviour patterns, raise self-esteem and improve independent working to assist their education and growth.
- work closely with the Pupil Premium Leader, Designated Safeguarding Leads and SENCo in the school.
- liaise with agencies, families/carers of vulnerable children as to support learning, overcome barriers to future progress and personal development.
- attend any meetings arranged for children identified as requiring additional support whether that is with parents, teachers or outside agencies.
 - maintain regular contact with families/carers of children in need of extra support, to keep them informed of children's needs and progress, and to secure positive family support and involvement.
 - have knowledge and appreciation of a range of activities, courses, opportunities, organisations and individuals that could be drawn upon to provide extra pastoral support for pupils.
- work closely with school staff, families/carers and children to improve attendance.
 - network with other learning mentors and share best practice and strive to continually develop practice through taking on feedback and seeking out CPD opportunities.
 - You may also be required to undertake other duties commensurate with your grade in relation to a post of this nature.

OPAL Play Coordinator

- be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day management of the OPAL plan where you will oversee the management and delivery of the inclusive play offer.
- lead on provision and maintenance of loose parts and play resources;
- support communication on play to the whole school community;
- support development of the play environment and complete effective risk management in play;
- support development of effective playwork practice within the play team;
- build and maintain positive and professional relationships with pupils, treating all children consistently, with respect and consideration.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is committed to helping children succeed
- Is kind, friendly and understanding
- Has the ability to see where and how they can help children make their next steps
- Will commit time and enthusiasm to our team
- Is able to act on their own initiative

We can offer you:

- Training for your role from the OPAL play team.
- A friendly, supportive and positive team to work in.

All necessary paperwork including an Application Form and Job Description can be found via the school website <https://www.gunthorpeprimary.org.uk/>

Closing date for applications: midday on Thursday 29th February 2024

Interviews are scheduled to take place: Tuesday 5th March 2024

Completed application forms can be emailed to office@gunthorpe.peterborough.sch.uk or via post for the attention of the School Office.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff to share this commitment. A satisfactory DBS and employment checks will be required as part of this recruitment.

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