



Early Years Practitioner – Maternity Cover

Overton Playgroup Preschool | St Luke's Hall, Overton

Sessional | Term-Time Only | September 2026 – July 2027

We are a community-run preschool based at St Luke's Hall in Overton, Hampshire, and we're looking for a caring and reliable Early Years Practitioner to cover maternity leave for one year.

The role

You will be a valued member of our small team, acting as a keyworker for a small group of children aged two to four years old, supporting their play, learning and wellbeing during our morning and afternoon sessions.

Hours

- 8:45am – 3:15pm
- A minimum of 19.5 hours per week
- Term-time only
- Start date: September 2026
- End date: July 2027

What you'll be doing

- Acting as keyworker for an allocated group of children
- Supporting children's learning and development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework
- Building relationships with children, parents and carers
- Keeping simple observations and developmental records
- Helping to set up and pack away the play and learning equipment
- Following safeguarding and health and safety procedures

What we're looking for

- A genuine passion for working with young children
- A patient, nurturing and reliable nature
- Good communication skills and a team-player attitude
- Willingness to obtain an enhanced DBS check

How to apply

Please send a short covering letter telling us a little about yourself and why you'd like to join our team, along with a CV, to manager@overtonplaygroup.com.

Overton Playgroup Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Appointment to this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references