



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER ASSISTANT (ECCE PRE-SCHOOL CLASS) BALLYBAY KINDERGARTEN CLG

Introduction:

Ballybay Kindergarten CLG is seeking to recruit a pre-school teacher assistant, to commence in September 2024 in our ECCE classroom of up to 22 children during the hours of 9:30am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday.

Our newly established school is nestled in the beautiful Wetlands of Ballybay town, in the heart of the drumlins of Co. Monaghan. Access to much of the 65 acres of conservation land, which is rich in walks and wildlife, offers wonderful opportunities for children to explore nature and experience the changing seasons.

This parent led initiative began in 2022 and since then has grown into a small, vibrant school. Currently situated in the Derryvally farmhouse at the Wetlands, we are delighted to be in a position to move into the beautiful main building in the coming months, which will allow us to expand into new classes and teaching opportunities. We are looking for enthusiastic educators who will join us in growing a resilient school, working with the impulses of Waldorf education - to serve the children for many years to come. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the early stages of a school, with such potential created when a group of inspired & like-minded individuals come together around a shared vision.

What we are looking for:

The successful applicant will be able to work collaboratively with others and have excellent communication skills, both written & verbal, and be fluent in English. They should have the organisational skills necessary to plan and teach effectively, and they should be willing to engage with continued professional and personal development as required. An interest and joy in working with young children is essential with ability to express a warm and calm presence. They should have suitable former teaching experience, along with verifiable references, and be willing to undergo Garda vetting (and police clearance as required). They should possess knowledge of the anthroposophical basis of Steiner Waldorf education, which may be in the form of an approved Waldorf kindergarten teaching qualification, or gained through teaching experience. They will require a QQI Level 5 qualification in early childhood care and education (or approved equivalent), & either have or be willing to obtain other required trainings such as First Aid Responder (FAR) certification, etc.

Responsibilities:

- To work closely with the kindergarten teacher in attending to the needs of the children
- To support the kindergarten teacher in their work and help maintain the rhythm and environment of the kindergarten class
- To assist the kindergarten teacher in any other work as required
- Setting up and clearing away activities, preparing future activities, taking children to the toilet, cleaning and tidying
- Contributing towards record-keeping, for example by making daily written observations of the children
- To attend kindergarten meetings, parents evenings and festivals
- To be alert and aware of situations needing attention and to respond appropriately, if possible, in communication with the kindergarten teacher
- To perform such other duties as the teachers and management may, from time to time, reasonably require

To apply, please email cv to info@monaghanwaldorfschool.ie