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**SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

**“We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff, contractors and volunteers to share this commitment.”**

**Childcare Centre Manager**

Required as soon as possible

30 – 40 hours per week term time only (+ up to 20 days at 6.5 hours per day for holiday clubs)

£14.66 per hour (£18618 - £24192 per annum)

Pegasus Childcare Centre are seeking a Centre Manager for our small, charity run, 24 place childcare centre situated on the site of Osgodby Primary school, with which we have close links. Dedicated management time is provided within the contract.

Professional Requirements

Minimum relevant Level 3 Early Years Qualification

Minimum 2 years experience of good practice within a nursery setting

Secure knowledge of the EYFS Statutory Framework

Personal Attributes

You must have a warm, smiling face that makes every child feel special and loved.

A high level of multitasking is essential. If something would normally take 5 minutes to achieve, you must be comfortable with it taking 15 minutes or longer.

You must be able to distribute warm hugs as required.

Possessing the skills required to rapidly count the heads of numerous moving small people is of utmost importance.

You must have a high level of comfort around talking about bodily functions. You must also have a strong sense of smell to enable you to respond swiftly to said bodily functions. Be brilliant at finding fun and creative ways to encourage children to try delicious, varied and healthy food, and see children who refuse to even try it and clamp their mouths shut, as an exciting challenge that you will conquer.

You must feel comfortable sitting on furniture that does not contain all of your behind.

A high level of comfort with being asked personal questions by children is essential. You will regularly be asked questions regarding what you are having for lunch, whether you are willing to share said lunch, whether or not you are married, and if not, why you are not married, where you are going (as you walk into the toilet), and what you did in there (the toilet).

You must have an understanding that the small people you have a strong relationship with during the week, may completely and utterly refuse to talk to or acknowledge you when they see you at the local store. Your feelings must not be easily hurt.

You must have the ability to read a ten-page fairytale upside down with at least one interruption per page.

Authentically showing an interest in and curiosity for bugs and creepy crawlies is essential, even if they are your biggest fear on earth.

You must be prepared to have a lot of fun in the workplace. Laughter is something you can expect to engage in for a large part of your working day.

Finally, you must be prepared to feel loved, special, and important to many young children and their families. There is simply no other job quite like this. You must be team player and have strong values that must always be adhered to. The BEST early years practitioners focus all their energy on the wonderful little children in their care.

In return:

You will lead a team who have all of the above personal attributes and who will welcome you to the setting, ensuring that you feel appreciated and special.

You will be welcomed by all our truly wonderful children, who will be extremely interested in you and all the experiences you offer. They will put their absolute trust in you. (Hugs can be expected).

You will be well supported, appreciated and valued by our experienced and highly capable Deputy manager and staff and by the Management Committee of our small, charity run nursery.

You will have access to ongoing professional development opportunities

You will be paid at a rate commensurate with the size of our setting, with all of us knowing that whatever you are paid it would never reflect your true value as a super childcare professional.

**If you think that you are the person that we are looking for and think you might like us too, please contact us for an application pack at:**

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