

Senior Practitioner

Job Purpose: To deliver high quality early learning and childcare through the outdoors and to support the Team Leader in the running of Stramash services in the **Elgin and Moray/Highlands** area. To assist the Team Leader in ensuring that the provision is of the highest quality and that the service continues to develop and grow, meeting both local and national needs.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

1. Support the Team Leader in the running of the nursery operations. Take on responsibilities delegated by the Team Leader. Be responsible for the services, site and staff in the absence of the Team Leader.
2. Deliver hands-on quality early learning and childcare (ages 2 to 5), holiday programmes (ages 2 to 7) and family work, modelling good practise to the Stramash team while undertaking the delivery, taking opportunities to train and teach colleagues as appropriate.
3. Take specific responsibility for a group of children, ensuring they have access to and participate in, high quality early years provision.
4. Promote a happy, caring and welcoming atmosphere for children, parents, staff, volunteers and visitors.
5. Implement all Stramash policies and procedures.
6. Work in partnership with parents, staff and other professionals.
7. Provide effective and regular feedback to parents.
8. Record and report on the work, progress and development of the children, including daily recording. Maintain portfolios, files and records, ensuring they are always up to date and accurate.

9. Plan quality activities and sessions, when appropriate Early Stage within the Curriculum for Excellence, ensuring that the children's developmental needs are central. Lead planning as delegated by the Team Leader.

10. Contribute to and lead parts of the on-going development of the work including the development of the outdoor site, and continue to develop the ethos of outdoor learning in all the work of the team.

11. Actively and fully participate in self-assessment and review processes, leading areas as directed by the Team Leader. Work with the Team Leader to prepare for inspections and visits.