

WORK WITH US

To apply: Please complete our [application form](#) and return it to hr@playp.org.uk

JOB TYPE: Part-time

HOURS: 20 Hours/Week | Term-time only

PAY: Up to £15.00 per hour

Peripatetic: Travelling from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods

Starting from September 2026

ABOUT THE PLAY PROFESSIONALS

The Play Professionals is a dynamic local charity providing a full programme of educational and recreational activities for children aged 3-11 years, which the children and staff design together.

Our staff work in partnership with primary schools, families, and the wider local community to ensure that children are offered the best possible experience during their time with us and that all those involved in delivering the service work in a professionally supportive environment where professional development is actively encouraged. The Play Professionals staff make it all work!

The Play Professionals expects the best from their staff and volunteers and provides some of the best working conditions to be found in the sector including standard monthly pay, subsidised places for own children, subsidised social events, stakeholder pension, time off in lieu arrangements, paid sick and compassionate leave and holiday time rotas that ensure a good work-life balance.

Training is provided from the outset to support all staff.

To find out more about The Play Professionals locations and the current activities programmes please see our website playp.org.uk

JOB DESCRIPTION

Peripatetic: Travelling from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods

As a peripatetic SEN Playworker you will work 20 hours per week as a mobile Playworker to support the Centre Manager and team of Playworkers to provide safe, stimulating and creative play opportunities for children in our after-school Service with Special Educational Needs such as Autism, ADHD or Speech and Language. You will provide Support Strategies and assist in integrating children into after school activities

You will be called upon to provide cover across our services

This is a challenging role that gives the candidate the opportunity to gain experience in different work environments. Travel expenses will be available.

The SEN Peripatetic Playworker will step into the role of Playworker at any Play Professionals site upon request. They are expected to assist in integrating children into planned activities and free play and ensure that children are safe and happy during their visit. They will work as part of the local team and will support the Centre Manager and their colleagues in ensuring the good management of the scheme that is fully inclusive

The SEN Peripatetic Playworker will be proactive in helping to maintain the centre according to the prevailing legislation and meet Ofsted standards. They will assist in planning activity programmes that are accessible. The Play Professionals is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects staff to share this commitment.

Benefits

Pay	- Up to £15.00 per hour - Salaries are paid on the last Friday of every month in arrears NOTE: if you are in receipt of benefits or Child Tax Credits and/or have been unemployed, check with your local centre/agency for advice on how this employment will affect you. Contact HM Revenue & Customs for information on temporary work: www.hmrc.gov.uk/selfemployed Telephone : 0845 9154515
Other Benefits	Free childcare benefit: Enjoy complimentary places for your own children (aged 3–11) at The Play services and holiday programmes after the 6-month probation period. - Work pension scheme - Paid holiday 28 days per year, pro rata including bank holidays and 5 Inset days* - Paid sickness or compassionate leave 10 days per year, pro rata* after successful completion of probation - Excellent training opportunities - Good promotion prospects - Professional, supportive work environment - Opportunity to work overtime at holiday playschemes or through special projects *Entitlement is shown at all year-round levels and is pro rata to individual contracts
Hours of work	- Term Time: 4 hours per day 2.00 pm-6 pm (This includes travel time) - Contract hours are annualised, and the year runs from January to December
Place of work	<i>Peripatetic: Travelling from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods</i> - We operate at nine different schools within the boroughs of Lambeth, Wandsworth, and Southwark and Camden

Person Specification

The SEN Peripatetic Playworker will be a confident individual with high integrity. They must be punctual and reliable. They will be able to work on their own initiative as well as within the site team. They will successfully balance the needs of the children in their care, the professional needs of their colleagues, and themselves within the framework and financial constraints of the organisation and the national legal frameworks that are applied to this field. The SEN Peripatetic Playworker will face daily challenges and must be capable of responding promptly and appropriately including keeping good records.

Essential Skills

- Senior and Gr **SEN-Specific Training:** Certifications focused on **Autism Awareness, ADHD Support Strategies, or Speech and Language Development.**

- Diploma/NVQ/CACHE Level 2/3 in Playwork; Childcare and Education; NNEB; BTEC or any other relevant qualification.
- Current First Aid Paediatrics Certificate or able to train prior to employment
- Current Food Hygiene Certificate or able to train prior to employment
- Current Health and Safety Certificate or able to train prior to employment
- Current Safeguarding Children (Child Protection) Certificate or able to train prior to employment
- Proven high professional standards
- Proven ability to organise and facilitate activities for SEN children
- Good written and verbal communications skills

Desirable Skills

- An understanding of issues facing inner-city children
- Evidence of working within a child protection culture
- Evidence of promoting child welfare and safety
- Understanding and commitment to child welfare and safety
- Knowledge of child protection procedures

The Play Professionals is an equal opportunity employer.

BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE POSITION

Please read the following before making an application.

Safer Recruitment & Safeguarding Statement (Required for Compliance)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All staff are expected to share this commitment.

The successful candidate will be required to undergo:

- Enhanced DBS check
- Verification of identity and right to work
- Full employment history check and explanation of any gaps
- Minimum of two verified references (including most recent employer)
- Completion of mandatory safeguarding training before starting

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only candidates who meet the essential criteria will be shortlisted.

Please read the following before making an application.

Criminal Convictions and 'Spent' Convictions

Because we work with children, The Play Professionals is exempt from the conditions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and subsequent amendments. This means that you must disclose any criminal convictions, and police cautions, even those which are considered 'spent' under the Act.

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure (DBS).

The Play Professionals will not consider applications from people with convictions for any violent or sexual crimes.

If you think that a conviction may affect your chances when applying for work at The Play Professionals, please contact us for a copy of our recruitment policy, which gives details of how we treat different convictions and cautions about recruitment.

Please make sure that you understand the hours of work and rate of pay before applying.

The Playworker works 15 hours a week during term time only. If you are in receipt of benefits, or child tax credits and/or have been recently unemployed, check with your local centre/agency for advice on how this employment will affect you.

To apply for the position:

Please complete an application form and return it to The Play Professionals:

Email: hr@playp.org.uk

Or

Post: The Play Professionals Human Resources, Richard Atkins School, New Park Road, Brixton Hill,
London SW2 4JP

It is not the policy of The Play Professionals to contact those applicants who have not been invited for an interview, so if you have not heard from us after the short-listing date, you should assume that, on this occasion, your application has not been successful. If you want confirmation that we have received your application, please send a stamped address envelope with your application, or ask for confirmation in your email.