

## Children's Centre Volunteer Role Description

**Role Title:** Children's Centre Play Facilitator Volunteer

**Supported by:** Children's Centre Manager

**Role Purpose:** The main role of the Play Volunteer is to contribute to a high standard of quality care and education in Stay and Play type sessions offered by the children's centre.  
The Play Volunteer will assist and support Early Years and Play professionals undertaking tasks as required.

**Location:** Any of Thurrock's Children's Centres

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

- To help set out and clear away play materials and equipment to ensure a welcoming, safe environment and maintaining high standards of hygiene.
- To assist in developing and maintaining an environment that promotes physical, emotional and social development for children of all ages and abilities, through a range of arts, crafts, games and activities, both indoors and outdoors
- To welcome new families, helping them to experience the sessions as enjoyable and satisfying
- To help children develop positive relationships with adults and other children, assisting them to play and learn effectively, and to increase their self confidence
- To report any concerns regarding the physical and emotional well being of a child to the designated senior member of staff.

### **Skills and experience**

- Have an interest in childcare
- Have an ability to engage with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Adopt a friendly, welcoming approach
- Are committed to involving families in the work of the children's centre

### **Time commitment**

- Times to be agreed with the Children's Centre Manager before volunteering.

### **Council's commitment**

- Relevant training opportunities
- Reimbursement of agreed expenses
- Other commitments as set out in the Volunteer Welcome Pack.

**This role requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.**