

Nursery Assistant (Maternity Cover)

Footsteps Nursery School, Biddenham, Bedford

We are looking for a caring, enthusiastic and reliable Nursery Assistant to join our friendly team on a fixed-term maternity cover contract.

Term Time Only

Working Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm

This role is working with children aged 2–4 years in our preschool room and would suit someone who enjoys building positive relationships with children and working as part of a supportive team.

About the Role

- Fixed-term maternity cover (December 2026 – April 2027, or until the postholder returns)
- Term time only (38 weeks per year)
- Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Working with children aged 2–4 years
- Supporting children's learning, development and wellbeing through play
- Assisting with daily routines, activities and outdoor learning
- Working closely with colleagues to provide high-quality care and education

Essential Requirements

- Previous experience working in a nursery or preschool setting.
- Experience working with children aged 2–4 years.
- Excellent reliability, attendance and timekeeping.
- A caring, enthusiastic and positive approach.
- Good communication and teamwork skills.
- A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Qualifications

- Early Years qualifications are welcome but not essential.
- We welcome applications from experienced nursery practitioners who have gained their skills through practical nursery experience.

What We Offer

- Term-time only working.
- A friendly, supportive and welcoming team.
- Small, well-established nursery school.
- Opportunity to make a real difference to children's early learning and development.

Send an email with your CV which **must** include details of your experience working in a nursery or pre-school to sally@footstepsnurseryschool.co.uk

The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and all relevant safeguarding and suitability checks.

If you are reliable, enthusiastic and passionate about working with young children, we would love to hear from you.