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| <b>Job Title:</b>                          | <b>Early Years Practitioner</b> - Stepping Stones, Drogheda  |
| <b>Responsible to:</b>                     | Early Years Childcare Manager  |
| <b>Terms:</b>                              | 38 week contract – 22.5 hours per week<br>Monday– Friday 9am – 1:30pm  |
| <b>Job Purpose:</b>                        | To act as a positive role model and be responsible for the delivery and implementation of a high quality play-based curriculum under the guidance of the national quality frameworks Aistear and Síolta both indoors and outdoors. To, guide, observe, stimulate and supervise children in a safe and caring environment as part of the childcare team   |
| <b>Core Duties &amp; Responsibilities:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To follow the policies and procedure of the service at all times.</li> <li>➤ To conduct observation and learning stories for all children.</li> <li>➤ To organise materials and resources to ensure that they reflect the children’s emerging interests and abilities.</li> <li>➤ To implement a play-based curriculum that encourages independence and fosters the growth of self-esteem within all children.</li> <li>➤ To support children’s emotional, social and cognitive development.</li> <li>➤ To assist in providing healthy snacks which meet the growing needs of children and reflects variation in culture or dietary needs.</li> <li>➤ To develop and support parental involvement strategies that enhance children’s learning experiences</li> <li>➤ To ensure that the welfare of children is paramount in accordance with Children First; National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children.</li> <li>➤ Promote the services in the local community and wider area to assist and support the quality and sustainability of the service.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Person Specification:</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commitment to high quality early education</li> <li>➤ The ability to work in collaboration with a dedicated team</li> <li>➤ Highly motivated to work on own initiative</li> <li>➤ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.</li> <li>➤ A professional and enthusiastic disposition</li> <li>➤ Flexible and adaptable</li> <li>➤ Demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional development</li> <li>➤ Garda Vetting will be required as part of the recruitment process</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Qualification and Experience</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A minimum of <b>FETAC Level 5</b> in Early Years Education</li> <li>➤ One year post-paid qualification experience of working in an early years</li> <li>➤ Strong understanding and experience in Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>   |

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