

Job Title:	<i>Early Years Practitioner (AIM Support)</i>
Responsible to:	Early Years Childcare Manager, Acorns, Lisduggan, Waterford City
Job Purpose:	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
Core Duties & Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To follow the policies and procedure of the service at all times. ➤ To conduct observation and learning stories for all children. ➤ To organise materials and resources to ensure that they reflect the children’s emerging interests and abilities. ➤ To implement a play-based curriculum that encourages independence and fosters the growth of self-esteem within all children. ➤ To support children’s emotional, social and cognitive development. ➤ To assist in providing healthy snacks which meet the growing needs of children and reflects variation in culture or dietary needs. ➤ To develop and support parental involvement strategies that enhance children’s learning experiences ➤ To ensure that the welfare of children is paramount in accordance with Children First; National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children. ➤ Promote the services in the local community and wider area to assist and support the quality and sustainability of the service.
Person Specification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitment to high quality early education ➤ The ability to work in collaboration with a dedicated team ➤ Highly motivated to work on own initiative ➤ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. ➤ A professional and enthusiastic disposition ➤ Flexible and adaptable ➤ Demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional development ➤ Garda Vetting will be required as part of the recruitment process
Qualification and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A minimum of FETAC Level 5 in Early Years Education ➤ One-year post-paid qualification experience of working in an early year ➤ Strong understanding and experience in Early Childhood Education

Please send a CV and a covering letter to Lorraine@ recruit@respond.ie before closing of business Friday, 4th December 2020.