

Dear Applicant,

The Advertised Post – Play Partner
Grade 2 Point 3 currently at £12.85per hour – Pay Award imminent
10.00 hours per week - 38 weeks per year

We are seeking to recruit additional members to our team of dynamic Play Partners who will support meaningful and productive child-initiated play during our lunch times at Dunalley Primary School. This is a fabulous opportunity to join our team here at Dunalley as we implement a new, whole school play initiative.

Nestled in the heart of Cheltenham, Dunalley Primary School is a nurturing, community-focused school with a passion for our beautiful outdoor spaces and wider environmental issues.

Always seeking to innovate and improve our practices, this is an exciting time to join Dunalley as we continue to develop our school site including our wonderful outdoor spaces.

The successful candidates will work closely with the OPAL Play Coordinator, other lunch time staff and members of the Senior Leadership team to facilitate play opportunities to embed play into the school's lunchtime period. They will ensure that all our children have a meaningful lunchtime play every day by creating a safe and stimulating outdoor environment providing social, active and creative play experiences.

We welcome applications from candidates who:

- are enthusiastic, positive, well-motivated and passionate about meeting the needs of children
- is a versatile and flexible team member who uses their own knowledge and experience to facilitate an enjoyable lunch time experience for the children
- are skilled at developing positive relationships and managing behaviour
- keen to learn from others, willing to share good practice and develop their expertise

Central to our values is our motto of 'Learning and Achieving Together' which encompasses and includes all members of our school community, including teachers. At Dunalley, we can offer:

- Thoughtful and passionate learners
- An enthusiastic, energetic and supportive team in which staff wellbeing is highly valued
- High quality CPD
- Opportunities to share innovative ideas and develop as a teaching professional

As schools are currently following Government guidelines, the interview will follow a different model to the normal process. There will be an opportunity to visit the school for a tour upon request. Social distancing will apply. Please email applications@dunalley.gloucs.sch.uk to make an appointment.

Application Procedure – please read carefully

The Application Form is available on the school website and should be completed as soon as possible. Please take care to follow the instructions on the form carefully. Please do not send a CV as we do not accept applications by this method.

Your application should include the names and addresses of two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer. If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, you should provide details so that we are able to obtain an additional reference from the employer by whom you were most recently employed in working with children. It will be necessary to contact referees by phone or email, so please ensure you give telephone numbers and email addresses.

Referees will be asked about any disciplinary offences relating to children (including any in which the penalty is 'time expired'), whether there have been any child protection concerns and the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure.

Completed application forms should be emailed to: applications@dunalley.gloucs.sch.uk

The School Business Manager will contact applicants upon receipt of an application form. Interviews will be at a mutually convenient time.

Safeguarding

Our school has a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We regularly review our policies on Child Protection and on Security, our **child protection and safeguarding policy** is available [here](#). Applicants for all posts should include a declaration of any criminal conviction in their application, please review our policy on **employment of ex-offenders** [here](#).

Shortlisted candidates will be required to complete a self-declaration about any criminal records and share any information that may make them unsuitable for employment.

Successful candidates will undertake a full criminal record check via the DBS process.

About our School

Dunalley Primary (Community) School is set in a beautiful part of Cheltenham town and serves a wide, mainly local community.

Dunalley is a great place to come to school for our pupils, their families and is a positive environment for our staff.

We have a loyal and dedicated team of teaching and support staff and offer varied professional development opportunities to all staff. Staff welfare is important to us, and we have high staff retention.

The children and staff have fantastic attitudes towards learning and believe that if they work hard they will succeed. We are solution focussed and encourage our whole school community to have a positive attitude towards life.

We strive to be the best we can be in all we do. In nurturing our whole school community and in creating opportunities for all to improve, including pupils, staff and parents alike, we aim to develop resilient, bold, creative and passionate learners. We are proud of the education that we offer our children and the high standards that we maintain. We constantly strive to make our school a happy place where children's achievements are recognised and rewarded at every level. Our emphasis is on praise and encouragement to increase the children's self-esteem and confidence.

We embrace diversity. Our ethos is built around the strong core values of community, respect, tolerance, democracy, valuing each other and being happy in what we do.

Our school buildings are modern and well-resourced. In addition to the classrooms and practical areas, outside we have a large playground, a field, two adventure playgrounds, and a separate Foundation Stage play area, a Forest School area and a Wildlife Area with pond.

There is a Parent Teacher Association, which helps the school with many fund-raising and social activities.

For further information please refer to our Recruitment Pack.

We look forward to reading your application

Thank you for your interest in this post.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Godfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs Alison Godfrey

Headteacher