

OVERVIEW

The Level 2 Playworker apprenticeship develops the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to create safe, fun and inclusive play environments for children and young people. It helps learners support wellbeing through play while giving employers reliable staff who can deliver high quality sessions and follow best practice.

The programme covers the playwork principles, safeguarding, health and safety, planning and delivering engaging activities, behaviour support, teamwork and communication. Learning blends practical delivery with structured training so apprentices build confidence in real settings and understand how to promote positive outcomes through play.

Key Features

- Builds confidence in leading safe and inclusive play
- Strengthens safeguarding and health and safety practice
- Develops communication and teamwork in busy settings
- Encourages reflective practice and continuous improvement

Module	Months	Topic
1	1-2	Learning Launch
2	2-4	Company Compliance and Safety
3	4-6	Becoming a Play Worker
4	6-8	Inclusive Play
5	8-10	Working in a Team
6	10-12	Building Relationships
7	12-15	Progression and Preparation



ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP

What you will learn

- Applying Playwork theory, child development, and Playwork Principles.
- Using active listening and communication to build relationships.
- Maintaining professional conduct and clear boundaries.
- Promoting diversity and inclusion, reflecting on personal responses.
- Observing, recording, and reflecting to improve play practice.
- Supporting resilience and positive behaviours in children.
- Designing and resourcing safe, stimulating play spaces.
- Managing behaviour, accidents, emergencies, and safeguarding.
- Following health, safety, hygiene, and administrative procedures.
- Engaging parents, caregivers, and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Encouraging sustainability, off-site activities, and meeting individual needs.

Additional qualifications included

- Level 2 Maths and English if you do not already hold them.

How you will learn

A mixture of bi-weekly online sessions and face-to-face visits where required. You will have a dedicated tutor who is there to guide you through your training programme. As well as your tutor, you will have access to learning and support materials online to support you with your allocated off-the-job training each week.

Learner Journey

Once learners reach Gateway, they enter the three-month End-Point Assessment, which includes a practical observation with questions, a professional discussion, and a portfolio review. Successful completion awards the Level 2 Playworker apprenticeship, a nationally recognised qualification that can lead to further education roles or higher-level teaching support positions.

End-Point-Assessment (EPA) - 3 Months Period

- Test (60 minutes)
- Portfolio of evidence
- Professional Discussion (60 minutes)

Off-The-Job Training

Off-the-job is where you will need to log evidence of learning activities that fall outside of your normal working environment but is still classed as learning towards your apprenticeship. The number of hours you need to log throughout your apprenticeship will be discussed at enrolment.



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HOW LEARNERS ARE SUPPORTED

ONLINE PORTFOLIO

Learn on-the-go with your phone, tablet or laptop, anytime, anywhere and personalise your learning into bite-sized chunks.

FACE TO FACE MASTER-CLASSES

Join a dynamic group of learners for in-person sessions where you'll have the opportunity to interact with peers and experts, immersing yourself in a guided masterclass experience.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Engage in live group sessions with expert tutors, interactive discussions and peer collaboration for an exciting and enriching learning experience.

SKILLS COACHING

Personalised guidance from industry specialists to achieve professional excellence

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments test your understanding and retention of learning, helping you enhance your recall and application of knowledge for a deeper grasp of concepts.

LEARNING FORUMS

Learn from and help your peers, discuss the learning, gain extra support, networking and hear different points of view.

