



George Watson's College wishes to appoint a Wraparound Care /After School Practitioner.

THE ROLE

We are looking for Playworkers to join our busy team. The right candidate will have the necessary skills to deliver high quality play opportunities based on a clear understanding of Government initiatives, guidelines and child development theory.

Candidates should be qualified/working towards a SVQ Level 3/HNC level qualification and have experience of working with children. The preferred candidate will be required to join the PVG Scheme or undergo a PVG Scheme update check and be able to register with the Scottish Social Services Council or GTCS.

Starting at £9.77p/h

- Term time hours 2.30pm to 6.00pm
- 35 days' annual leave
- Support with training
- Discounted school fees

THE SCHOOL

George Watson's College is renowned as a large, inclusive and vibrant co-educational school offering all-through education for children from 3-18. Despite its size, everyone remarks that it has a small- school 'feel': the close-knit and friendly relationships amongst all its constituents are a hallmark of the School. Its motto – *ex corde caritas* (Love from the Heart) – is central to its values as it seeks to sustain what is described as 'The Watson's Family'.

This tangible sense of togetherness is significantly enhanced by everyone being on one purpose-built site, which is located in the attractive residential district of Morningside, to the South West of the centre of Edinburgh. Edinburgh itself is the second strongest city economy in the UK, outside of London, with the highest percentage of graduates and professionally qualified adults in the UK and over 25% of school age children attending fee-paying schools. Watson's is proud of its independent status and, whilst remaining true to its Scottish roots, seeks to sustain and develop an international perspective. The curriculum is adapting to the innovations inherent in Scotland's new Curriculum for Excellence and the new Scottish National Qualifications. In addition, the School offers its older pupils the opportunity to take

the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. Watson's is the only school to offer this alternative alongside Scottish qualifications.

The School welcomes a wide range of academic ability, and has very high academic standards, with 90% of pupils going on to Higher Education and a large proportion of pupils achieving outstanding success. Watson's also has excellent facilities, and offers a huge range of courses as well as extra-curricular activities. In addition, it has particular strengths in Sport, Music, Drama, Outdoor Education, Technology and in Support for Learning. The School is very well resourced with a campus-wide IT network.

The current Principal, Mr Melvyn Roffe took up his post in August 2014. He is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC).

DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND - PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS SCHEME

All staff must be prepared to undergo screening to confirm their suitability to work with children and young people.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / PROFESSIONAL REVIEW

All staff are required to participate in appropriate programmes of continuing professional development and undergo professional review as set out in the School's policy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please send a letter of application of not more than 800 words giving us more information about you and why you would like the role, addressed to Mrs Jennifer Alcock, Care Manager. The letter, completed application form and diversity monitoring form should be emailed to Mrs Jane Robinson, Head of Human Resources (vacancies@gwc.org.uk)