Musical Accompanist

Department where based: The Hive

Hours per week: To be agreed

Days during the week and during the year: To be agreed.

Start date: ASAP

Note: The Hive is open 8.30 – 22.00 every day except Bank Holidays. Core hours are between 10.00 and 19.00, but events may take place at any time during opening hours, including evenings and weekends.

Overview of the Role

To support weekly Storytime or Bounce and Rhyme Sessions for pre-school children enabling an increased capacity for parents and carers and their children to participate within The Hive or externally

Key activities

- Playing an instrument to support regular Bounce and Rhyme songs
- Play an instrument to support storytime
  Assist in development of interactive storytimes with suggestions for musical accompaniment
- Liaise with Library staff in advance to agree musical accompaniment for Bounce and Rhyme of storytime
- To encourage families to join the library and borrow books
- To prepare for the session including setting up the children’s library—putting out chairs, toys, instruments and selecting books.
- Meeting and greeting parents/carers and their children.
- Assist staff with the weekly programme of story time/bounce and rhyme activity
- Encourage the parents/carers to linger in The Hive by engaging with them
- Assist with clearing the area once the session ends.
- Comply fully with existing policies and procedures of Worcestershire County Council, including Code of Conduct, Health and Safety and Equality and Diversity.

Person specification

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Have the ability to play an instrument to accompany with chords/melodies as required/agreed
- Are warm, friendly and patient personality
- Are able to relate to very young children and their families and interact with them in a positive manner
- Have imagination and creativity to aid lively and enjoyable story time sessions
- Are able to work as part of a team and on own initiative.

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- Have confidence to perform in front of an audience and involve them.

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