

**Job Description**

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| **Job Title** | Assistant Afterschool Coordinator  |
| **Reporting to** | Afterschool Coordinator/Childcare Manager  |
| **Responsible to** | CEO of Laois Partnership Company and the voluntary Board of Directors  |
| **Purpose of the post** | The core responsibility of the Assistant After School Coordinator is to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Afterschool Project so that children can learn and develop in a safe, positive, and caring environment. |
| **Duties and Responsibilities**  | **Running of the Afterschool*** Assist the Co-ordinator, and childcare manager in providing a quality afterschool service.
* Assist children with Homework Assignments.
* Plan and prepare a range of fun, active and practical activities.
* Maintain room, and equipment, to ensure the health & safety of children at all times.
* Provide a fun, caring environment that positively supports the growth and development of each child.
* Liaise with parents/guardians and develop good communication channels with them.
* Deal with queries and enquiries from parents, children, and childcare staff in a courteous and helpful manner
* Maintain strict confidentiality.
* Help prepare healthy snacks and encourage good nutrition.

**Best Practice** * Ensure that child safety and welfare is of paramount importance.
* Ensure relevant legislation and regulations are applied, particularly in relation to child safeguarding.
* Keep up to date with best practice in relation to child development and learning.
* Assist Co-ordinator in the collection and recording of Fees.
* Ensure a good standard of hygiene.
* Assist in good record keeping and report preparation, as required.

**General duties*** Work as part of the overall team in Laois Partnership Company and promote the Organisation and its services in a positive manner.
* Maintain accurate, professional written and electronic records of the work undertaken.
* Operate within policy, legal, ethical and professional boundaries when working.
* Actively contribute to service review and development in a positive, solution focused manner.
* Be knowledgeable about National Policy, Legislation and Guidance Frameworks.
* Participate in fundraising and promotional activities for the service, as required.
* To undertake other duties/responsibilities that are appropriate to the role.

Please be advised that this is not an exhaustive list of duties for the role and changes may occur. This role is a developmental role and will require flexibility and adaption to new and changing situations on an ongoing basis. |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  | **Essential Qualifications and Experience*** Minimum QQI Level 6 in Childcare
* Minimum 1 year work experience in similar setting
* Ability to work as part of a team
* Kindness, warmth and responsiveness to the needs of children
* Good communication and relating skills with children, staff & parents
* Understanding of Siolta & Aistear
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| **Terms and Conditions**  | Contract: Permanent, subject to successful probation **Probation:** 6 months**Hours:** 20 hrs/week**Salary:** €14.50 per hour Garda Vetting, and satisfactory references, will be sought prior to the successful candidate taking up the post.

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| **How To apply** | Please forward **a full CV and a cover letter**, outlining your suitability and experience for this position, by email to: info@laoispartnership.ieClosing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 8th November 2023No late applications will be accepted. Informal enquiries by email to **info@laoispartnership.ie**Canvassing will disqualify. |

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