

**Job Description**

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| **Job Title** | Cook – Childcare Services |
| **Reporting to** | Childcare Manager  |
| **Responsible to** | CEO of Laois Partnership Company and the voluntary Board of Directors  |
| **Purpose of the post** | The core responsibility of the Cook is to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the kitchen which has responsibility for providing a healthy and hot meal for children who attend our centres on a daily basis. |
| **Duties and Responsibilities**  | * To plan menus in collaboration with the childcare staff team.
* To prepare food to the required specifications and being mindful of the time constraints.
* Make adjustments to food items to accommodate children with allergies, specific diet concerns or religious requirements.
* Plan and organise time, and stock to ensure delivery of well-prepared dishes on a daily basis.
* Place orders and budget for groceries, where necessary.
* Maintain a clean, hygienic work environment at all times.
* Maintain required paperwork for HACCP.
* Ensure a fun, learning environment is maintained at all times.
* Be aware of child safeguarding policies and procedures.

**General duties*** Work as part of the overall team in the childcare service, and in Laois Partnership Company.
* Promote the Organisation and its services in a positive manner.
* Operate within policy, legal, ethical and professional boundaries when working.
* Actively contribute to service review and development in a positive, solution focused manner.
* 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 3 years work experience in a kitchen or similar setting
* Ability to work as part of a team
* HACCP/catering qualification
* Kindness, warmth and responsiveness to the needs of children
* Good communication and relating skills with children and staff
* Knowledge of how to run a kitchen.
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| **Terms and Conditions**  | Contract: Permanent, subject to successful probation **Probation:** 6 months**Hours:** 30 hrs/week max **Salary:** €15.50 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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