



**Blessed
Christopher Wharton**
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



Playworker

Pay Scale: SCP 5 (£5,614 - £5,715 per annum actual)
10 hours per week - TTO. 5 days a week 11:30 - 13:30
Fixed Term
September 2025 start

As a school that strives for excellence in all areas we would like to appoint a playworker to join our staff team.

We are looking for someone who is willing to work hard and as part of a team and for someone who will take pride in their work and our school.

Visits to school are warmly welcomed to allow you to get a feel for the school, if you would like to visit, please email martyn.filson@olsb.bcwcat.co.uk. Applications must be completed on a CES application form which is available from the school office. CVs will not be considered.

Closing date for applications:

9:00am Monday 28 July 2025

Interviews:

August 2025



The school is committed to a rigorous implementation of our safeguarding policy. All successful applicants will be subject to pre-employment checks and an enhanced DBS check, prior to a formal offer of employment being made. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the amendments to the Exception Order 1975, 2013 and 2020

The Role



We are looking for someone who:

- Ideally has experience of working in a similar role.
- Can work effectively as part of a team.
- Is able to work on their own initiative, prioritising day to day work.
- Has good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Is committed to our Catholic vision and ethos.

Effort Demands:

- Will supervise and engage children in safe, structured and stimulating play during lunchtimes and playtimes. Will work under the supervision of the senior lunchtime supervisor or senior staff but will be expected to use initiative and build positive relationships with children.

Responsibilities:

- Setting up play areas that encourage children to develop through play
- Build strong relationships with children and respond to their needs
- Lead games and supervise children
- Encourage children to express themselves and talk about their worries
- Build positive relationships with parents, carers and professionals
- Make sure children are safe and secure
- Deal with injuries and emergencies

Person Specification

| Experience | Essential or Desirable |
|---|------------------------|
| Previous experience in a similar role | D |
| Experience engaging children in active play and social development. | D |

| Qualifications | Essential or Desirable |
|---|------------------------|
| Basic literacy and numeracy skills | E |
| Paediatric First Aid Certificate (or willingness to obtain) | E |

| Knowledge/Skills | Essential or Desirable |
|---|------------------------|
| Awareness of safeguarding and child protection policies | E |
| Ability to relate well to children and adults | E |
| Ability to manage behaviour positively | E |
| Will possess the ability to work alone or as part of a team | E |



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Unlocking Opportunities: Our Offer to You



Employee Assistance Programme

Telephone counselling and mental health support is available through our EAP app with Sonder.



24/7 GP Service

Instant and 24/7 medical advice from registered nurses and access to virtual GP appointments and prescriptions



Excellent Professional Development Opportunities:

Grow your skills and advance your career with our commitment to providing outstanding professional development opportunities.



Vivup Lifestyle Benefits:

Enjoy a range of high street discounts through Vivup.



Excellent Pension Scheme:

Secure your future with our excellent pension scheme, ensuring financial stability in the long term.



Regular Learning Days:

Networking with peers off site with a range of inspirational, external speakers on a termly basis.



Positive Work Environment:

Experience a positive work culture that values your contributions and fosters a sense of belonging and fulfilment.



Opportunity to Make a Difference:

Be part of something meaningful by contributing to projects and initiatives that have a positive impact on our community and beyond.



Staff Awards

Annual Staff Awards where outstanding performance is acknowledged and awarded.