

**Train Together**

# Level 2 Playworker Standard



**Realise Your Potential**



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## About us.

We are an Ofsted-rated "Good" provider with over a decade of experience at the forefront of specialised apprenticeship training in the schools and education sector.

Our expertise encompasses Management and Leadership, Finance and Accountancy, Facilities Management, Early Years Education, and Teaching and Learning in Schools.

Our aim is to ensure every learner receives the best education and training possible, preparing them for success in their future career, while also equipping our clients with highly skilled professionals who can drive their organisations forward.

By partnering with us, clients benefit from tailored training solutions that meet their specific needs, enhance operational efficiency, and foster long-term growth and development



# About us.

At Train Together, we specialise in supporting all types of educational institutions. We understand the unique challenges in education and deliver tailored solutions that drive success across schools, academies, and other learning environments.

Our innovative delivery models combine the latest technology with industry expert training. This approach ensures that the learning journey is engaging, effective, and maximises value for both learners and the businesses we work with.

## Our Values and What Makes Us Tick

- ✓ **Nurture:** Maintaining excellent relationships with stakeholders is key to meeting our vision and mission.
- ✓ **Courageous:** We embrace difficult conversations and are committed to walking the walk, not just talking the talk.
- ✓ **Genuine:** Transparency in all we do ensures clear and clean communication with all stakeholders.
- ✓ **Dedicated:** We go above and beyond for our learners and clients, offering excellent resources and support to achieve their goals.
- ✓ **Empower:** Providing information, advice, and guidance enables excellent decision-making and helps our partners meet their objectives.





# Understanding the Challenge

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**Diverse Play Needs:** Children come from a variety of backgrounds with unique interests, abilities, and needs. Creating play environments that are inclusive and engaging for all children, including those with special educational needs, is essential but challenging.

**Supporting Holistic Development:** Balancing the physical, emotional, and social aspects of children's growth is critical. Playworkers must foster environments that support overall well-being, helping children build confidence, resilience, and interpersonal skills.



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**Managing Risk and Safety:** Play often involves a level of risk-taking, which is vital for children's development. However, ensuring children can explore safely while promoting adventurous play requires careful planning and management.

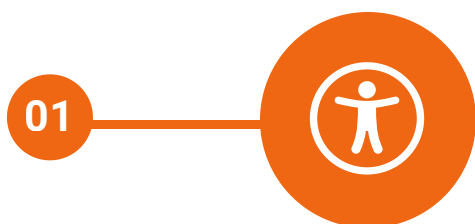
**Communication with Stakeholders:** Coordinating with parents, colleagues, and other professionals to align on a child's needs and experiences can be complex, especially in busy or under-resourced settings.



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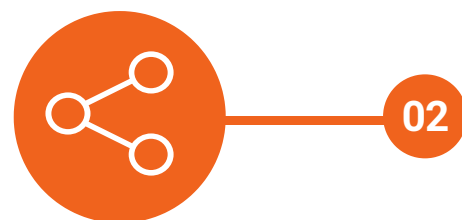


# A Collaborative Solution



**01 Meeting Diverse Play Needs:** Trained in inclusive play strategies, Level 2 Playworkers design and adapt play environments that cater to the interests and abilities of all children, fostering creativity and equitable opportunities for play.

**Promoting Holistic Development:** Playworkers provide structured and free play opportunities that encourage physical activity, emotional expression, and social interaction, supporting children's overall growth and well-being.



**03 Ensuring Safe and Adventurous Play:** Level 2 Playworkers are skilled in conducting risk-benefit assessments, ensuring that children can explore, experiment, and take appropriate risks in a safe and supportive environment.

**Enhancing Communication and Collaboration:** Acting as a bridge between children, parents, and other team members, Playworkers ensure consistent support and understanding, promoting a shared vision for each child's play and development journey.





# The Level 2 Playworker Standard



## Practical Learning

Applying Theories in Practice

Providing Constructive Feedback

Guidance on Personal and Professional Development



## Assessment Principles

Performance Evaluation

Supportive Learning Journey

Effective Communication and Presentation Skills



## Role Proficiency

Insight into Relevant Industries

Encouraging Proficiency

Learning from Experienced Assessors



## Process Understanding

Embracing a Learning Culture

Embracing Diversity & Equality

Engagement with the Assessment Process

## Qualifications

- Level 2 Playworker Standard

## Progression Route

- Level 3 Teaching Assistant Standard

## 13-Month Programme



■ On-Programme

■ End-Point Assessment



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Month 1-12

## On-Programme Learning

During the 12 months of on-programme learning, you will develop a portfolio of evidence to showcase your progress. You will cover the following modules:



### Foundation in Playwork Principles

- Theories of play and their application.
- The role of playworkers in promoting creativity, independence, and resilience.
- Professional boundaries and ethical conduct in playwork.



### Health, Safety & Risk Management

- Implementing health and safety procedures in play settings.
- Conducting risk-benefit assessments.
- Promoting adventurous and active play safely.



### Creating Inclusive Play Environments

- Planning accessible & inclusive play
- Supporting equality, diversity, and inclusion in playwork.
- Encouraging social interaction and collaboration among children.



### Effective Communication & Advocacy

- Communicating effectively with children, parents, and colleagues.
- Encouraging children's voice and choice in play.
- Promoting the value of play within the community and beyond.



### Supporting Children's Development

- Strategies to support emotional regulation and resilience.
- Recognising and addressing challenging behaviours.
- Building positive relationships with children and peers.



### Operational Playwork Practices

- Administrative duties such as record-keeping and financial documentation.
- Planning and organizing play activities, including off-site visits.
- Collaborating with team members to deliver quality play opportunities.



### Observing and Reflecting on Play

- Observational techniques to assess developmental needs.
- Reflective practices to improve personal and team performance.
- Adapting play strategies based on observations.



### Ethics & Professional Development

- Understanding and adhering to play work ethics.
- The importance of continuous professional development (CPD).
- Building resilience and self-awareness as a playworker.

Month 13

## End Point Assessment

Upon successful completion of the on-programme learning, you will undergo a comprehensive final end-point assessment designed to showcase your development throughout the programme. This assessment consists of three components:

### Professional Discussion

A structured conversation with an assessor that explores the apprentice's experiences, understanding of playwork principles, and how they apply them in their role. This discussion allows the apprentice to provide examples of their work, reflecting on how they meet the required standards.



### Observation

The apprentice is observed in their workplace by an independent assessor, demonstrating their ability to support and facilitate children's play. This includes showcasing how they create inclusive, engaging, and safe play environments, while effectively interacting with children and colleagues.



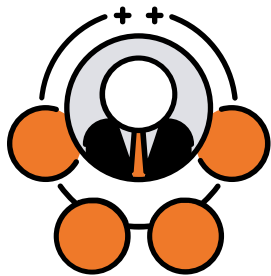
### Knowledge Test

A formal test, often with multiple-choice questions, designed to evaluate the apprentice's understanding of key theoretical concepts. This includes topics such as the benefits of play, child development, health and safety, inclusion, and risk management in play environments.





# Programme Benefits



## Employer

Enhance classroom support, improve student outcomes, ensure compliance with educational regulations, and invest in staff development and retention by fostering a skilled, motivated workforce.

## Employee

Gain a recognised qualification, enhance career progression, build confidence and competence in classroom management, and provide comprehensive skills to support diverse learner needs effectively.



## Contact us

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