



CASE STUDY

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HOW DID YOU START YOUR CAREER IN EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE?

I have always wanted to work within an early years setting from a young age and have always liked the idea of helping children learn and develop. I started my career by doing lots of voluntary work within schools and a little bit within a day nursery, then completed a teaching assistant course. In September 2010 I began an apprenticeship in working with children at Wyngarth and completed it in July 2011. I am now qualified and working as a full time member of staff.

The apprenticeship scheme was very beneficial to me as I felt I really developed in my role. I learnt a lot through working in the nursery on a day to day basis and learning about the role of a nursery practitioner through my manager and other members of staff. I also enjoyed the written side of the apprenticeship, researching new things and furthering my knowledge within childcare.

WHAT DOES YOUR ROLE INVOLVE?

I currently work in the baby room, caring for up to nine babies aged 6 to 24 months on a daily basis. My main duties include:

- Observing children and planning activities to meet the developmental needs of each child;
- Ensuring activities are risk assessed before taking place;
- Creating a home from home environment for babies by following routines provided by parents; and
- Providing parents with communication books and communicating verbally with them on their child's progress throughout the day.

Other duties include feeding, bottle feeding, changing nappies, ensuring toys are kept clean, playing with the children, reading stories and singing songs throughout the day and providing a happy and stimulating environment for the children. I also take part in our company's operational plan. My roles in this are organising events such as our Toddle Waddle (sponsored activity for young children and parents) and Operation Christmas Child. At the moment I am also an apprentice buddy for our two trainees. This role includes helping them settle, explaining the daily routines of the nursery and helping them with any problems they may have. I also conduct half hour meetings once a month with the trainees to see how they are getting on with their apprenticeship.

WHAT TRAINING HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

Whilst working at Wyngarth I have completed an induction programme, CCLD level 2, paediatric first aid and fire safety training. I am also due to go on child protection, manual handling and risk assessment courses within the next month. I also hope to progress to level 3 as soon as possible and would love to start the course very soon.

WHY I ENJOY MY ROLE:

"I really enjoy my role as a nursery practitioner. I enjoy watching the children grow and learn. The children make each day exciting and every day is different. I look forward to going to work in the mornings and helping each child enjoy their day, by setting up activities they will enjoy and creating a happy environment for them. I feel that my job is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world and I definitely wish to further my career within my company and in early years and childcare."

Amy Louise Kemshell

