

Choose a Childcare Career

Become a Playworker

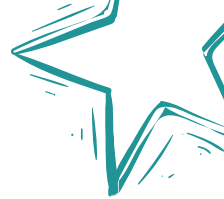
**Have you ever thought about working with young children?
Now is a great time to try.**

There are many fantastic early years opportunities in Reading, so choose a career you can be proud of where you can gain qualifications, continue to train, learn and progress while helping children have the best start in life.

A few things to consider first:

- ★ Do you enjoy being with children?
- ★ Do you like to help children play, learn and develop?
- ★ Can you communicate effectively?
- ★ Do you have a positive and friendly approach?

If you answered yes, consider a playwork position in a Reading setting and get your childcare career off to a great start.



What is playwork?

Many schools and organisations in Reading provide extended care for children before and after school and during school holidays. These clubs are structured to enhance children's development, health and wellbeing and include energetic activities and play opportunities.

What will I do?

You will work alongside a wider team to provide high quality provision for children up to the age of 16 years. Your role is to meet the needs of all children, develop relationships and to ensure a wide range of exciting and engaging activities.

How do I progress?

You may wish to progress to leading a setting which involves additional responsibilities such as supervising staff, organising the routine and the smooth running of the setting.

Leaders require a minimum **level 3 qualification** in early years and childcare or playwork with suitable experience of working in a similar setting.



What qualifications can I gain?

Both playworkers and leaders will be encouraged to develop their skills and qualifications through training which may include work-based qualifications, short courses and e-learning.

Further information can be found by visiting our [Careers in Childcare](#) webpage.

TOP TIPS



- ★ Speak to people who have chosen a playwork career
- ★ Contact local childcare providers and ask if they have any vacancies
- ★ Offer to volunteer and learn more about your preferred role
- ★ If you are already a playworker, speak to your manager about opportunities to progress

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