

## Early Years Apprentice – Level 2

**Location:** Skelton School, Skelton, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 9SE

**Contract:** Fixed term (12 month apprenticeship plus 3 months End Point Assessment period)  
Term time only (38 weeks)

**Hours:** Full-time (including 1 day per week at Kendal College) 8am to 4pm

**Salary:** National Apprenticeship rate of pay

Are you passionate about working with young children and looking to kick-start your career in Early Years education? We have a fantastic opportunity for a **Level 2 Early Years Apprentice** to join our warm and welcoming team at Skelton School.

### About Us:

We are a small, friendly community primary school with a real family feel. Our dedicated staff work closely to provide a nurturing and engaging environment where every child thrives. You will mainly be based in our Nursery and Reception class, supporting our youngest learners as they take their first steps in education.

### The role:

As an Early Years Apprentice, you will:

- Support the learning, play, and development of children aged 3-5 in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- Help set up and maintain a stimulating, safe, and inclusive learning environment.
- Work alongside experienced staff to deliver high-quality care and education.
- Assist with daily routines such as snack time, outdoor play, and creative activities.
- Observe and document children's progress to contribute to their learning journeys.
- Build positive relationships with children, parents, and colleagues.
- Attend college 1 day per week to complete your **Level 2 Early Years Practitioner** qualification.

### What we're looking for:

- A genuine interest in working with young children and supporting their development.
- Enthusiasm, patience, and a caring nature.
- Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team.
- A commitment to learning and personal development.
- GCSEs (or equivalent) in English and Maths at grade 4/C or above.

### What we offer:

- A supportive and experienced team to guide you through your apprenticeship.
- Hands-on experience in a vibrant and friendly school setting.
- Opportunities to develop your skills and confidence in Early Years education.
- A chance to make a real difference in the lives of our youngest learners.

If you're ready to start your journey in Early Years education and want to be part of a caring school community, we'd love to hear from you!

**How to apply:**

To arrange a visit to the school or for an informal chat about the post, please call Mrs Helen Newton (Acting Headteacher) on 017684 84367 **from the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Please send a completed application form and a brief covering letter to Mrs Helen Newton [admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk) **by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon.**

**Interviews will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

All information can be found on our school website  
[https://www.skelton.cumbria.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=15.](https://www.skelton.cumbria.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=15)

Skelton School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out; references will be sought, and successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and other relevant checks with statutory bodies as well as a work place health assessment.