



Port Vale Football Club

Player Care Lead (Academy)

Due to the expansion of our education provision and the new requirements for Category 3 academies, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and dedicated person to work within the Education setting at Port Vale Football Club.

The Player Care Lead will prioritise the personal support of all its young people. You will be responsible for developing a comprehensive programme covering off-field topics as diverse as mental health, to life skills to relationships, ensuring that our players are appropriately supported for life in and beyond football.

Working closely with Phase Leads and the Multi-Disciplinary staff you will be the principal support for all players emotional welfare. Additionally, you will lead on the co-ordination and arrangements for Host Families and living accommodation for all scholars and trialists.

There is also the opportunity to coach one of our football teams in daily training sessions and manage them in weekly league/cup fixtures.

Essential Skills and Qualifications

- Experience working with young people aged 9-18 years
- FA Safeguarding certificate
- High levels of Emotional Intelligence
- Strong verbal and written skills
- Good experience of managing projects with a variety of stakeholders
- IT Skills (PMA/ My Concern systems preferable)
- Right to work in the UK and enhanced DBS check
- In date First Aid qualification

Desirable Skills

- Demonstratable experience of working in a professional football academy or educational environment previously
- Hold or working towards qualifications in psychology
- EFAiF certificate
- Mental Health First Aid Certification

Closing date for applications is Friday 5th August 22. You can apply by clicking the link below:

<https://hr.breathehr.com/v/player-care-lead-academy-24781>

If you have any questions regarding the role, please contact Academy Operations Manager Billy McClure at billy.mcclure@port-vale.co.uk



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BTEC Tutor (Academy)

Job Description:

Reporting to: Head of Academy

Term: Full-time

Salary: Dependant on experience and qualifications

Hours: 37.5 hours per week – primarily daytime Monday-Friday plus evenings and weekends as required

Locations: Port Vale Football Club, Vale Park Stadium, Hamil Road, Stoke-on-Trent

Scope: Port Vale Football Club and Vale Park Stadium, Port Vale Academy and Foundation

Main Purpose

To provide personal support to the Academy's young players and develop a program to continually enhance their personal development.

Specific Roles:

- Lead, develop and deliver a bespoke Player Care department, specific for Port Vale Football Club Academy for all stakeholders involved
- Implementing, delivering, and reviewing positive Mental Health initiatives across the Academy
- Onboarding and transition process for players and their families.
 - Supporting the digs accommodation host families
- Mentoring of young professionals whilst on loan.
- Delivering “healthy life” work-skills across FDP/YDP.
- Supporting coaches with their understanding of player care.
- Contributing to the Academy Leadership Team in a head of department role.
- To take responsibility for ensuring the KPI's of EPPP are effectively measured, assessed, and achieved across the Youth development programme in line with the new Audit process.
- Lead on Parent and Carer Player Wellbeing Workshops across all phases • Establish, maintain and inform AMT of information received through our Player & Parent voice sessions.
- To support the holistic development of players and effectively use the PMA/MyConcern software to record all data in respect of player development and care
- To instil and develop the Academy values across our all our phase players & staff.
- Responsibility for parent communication and player welfare across phase.
- Any other duties as required by the football club within the reasonable demands of the role.

Additional Requirements

- Induction and transition process for new players and their families.
- Supporting the MDT staff with their understanding and effectiveness of Player Care
- To work alongside our Senior Safeguarding Officer in ensuring all data in respect to player care and Safeguarding is recorded on our Club specific software
- To support players and families for effective transitions throughout their Academy journey. This will include Exit Strategies as well as Inductions.
- Introduce and support players in developing their Personal Development Plans and hold regular one to one sessions, to monitor these plans.
- Build and develop relationships with External stakeholders, to ensure we are offering staff, players and the Academy as a whole CPD opportunities.
- To act as a Health & Safety representative for the Academy, attending and contributing to regular Health & Safety and Operations meetings when appropriate.
- To contribute towards the Academy Management Team as Head of Department as and when required
- To fully commit and promote best practice to all stakeholders towards our Academy Values
- To carry out any other duties required by the Academy Management Team
- Assist in planning and attend designated Academy tours.
- To support PVFC Academy players out on loan or being loaned to PVFC, as well as players on trial.
- Attend national and regional meetings and conferences arranged by the relevant league and FA.

EQUALITY STATEMENT

The employee must always carry out their duties with due regard to Port Vale Football Club policies and procedures.

The employee must ensure a positive commitment towards equality and diversity by treating others fairly and not committing any form of direct or indirect discrimination, victimisation, or harassment of any description and to promote positive working relationships between all internal and external stakeholders.

The employee must contribute to encouraging equality and respecting diversity by embedding such values in the workplace and challenging inappropriate behaviour and processes.