

Girls' Games Coach

Part Time (15hrs/week) – Maternity Cover

Start Date: January 2027

Job Title

Girls' Games Coach

Responsible To

Head of Games & PE

The Role

Orwell Park School is seeking an enthusiastic, committed and well-qualified Girls' Games Coach to join our Games & PE team from January 2027 on a fixed term basis as maternity cover (two terms).

The successful candidate will have Netball as their primary coaching responsibility, while also contributing to the delivery of other core girls' sports, including Hockey and Cricket, as required.

The role will be approximately 30 hours over a two-week period, during term time. Specific days and hours are yet to be finalised and will be agreed according to the School's games programme and the successful candidate's availability; the ability to support the School's games programme on bi-weekly Saturday afternoons would be preferable.

Additional hours may be available depending on the school's sporting programme and requirements.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Plan and deliver high-quality, safe and engaging Netball coaching sessions.
- Coach pupils across the relevant age groups, developing their technical skills, tactical understanding, confidence and enjoyment of the game.
- Contribute to the delivery of Hockey and Cricket sessions where required and appropriate.
- Select and prepare teams for inter-school fixtures and tournaments.
- Create, manage and publish team selections and fixture information using SOCS, ensuring information is accurate and communicated in a timely manner.
- Lead designated teams during matches and tournaments, supporting pupils both on and off the court/pitch.

- Umpire Netball matches and officiate other sports where required.
- Promote high standards of behaviour, attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship in training and during fixtures.
- Encourage a positive team spirit and ensure that pupils experience both enjoyment and challenge through participation in sport.
- Communicate proactively with pupils regarding their development, progression, team selection and areas for improvement.
- Provide match reports following school fixtures for publication through the school's usual communication channels.
- Contribute to end-of-term sporting reports and other school publications as required.
- Communicate appropriately and professionally with parents regarding team selection, pupil progress and other relevant matters.
- Fulfil appropriate supervisory duties before and after games sessions, and wider school duties, as required.
- Prepare and organise relevant equipment and documentation for away fixtures, including away sheets where required.
- Work collaboratively with the Head of Games & PE and other Games & PE staff to support the overall sporting provision of the school.
- Maintain regular communication with the Head of Games & PE and other Games & PE staff regarding pupil progress, team development and any issues that arise.
- Contribute fully to the educational ethos and values of Orwell Park School, encouraging participation and enjoyment in sport while supporting pupils to pursue sporting excellence.
- Always promote and adhere to the school's safeguarding and child protection procedures.

Wider Contribution to School Life

- Contribute to additional school duties such as breaktime supervision, as required.

Person Specification

Essential	• UKCC Level 2 Netball qualification, or equivalent. • Experience of coaching and developing young players/pupils in Netball. • Experience and knowledge of Netball umpiring. • A commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.
Desirable	• Additional sports coaching qualifications. • Coaching qualifications or experience in Hockey and/or Cricket. • Experience of specialist skills coaching. • Experience working within a school or similar educational setting. • D1 or equivalent driving licence and experience of minibus driving, preferably with MIDAS or similar familiarisation training.

Safeguarding

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to undergo appropriate child protection screening, including an enhanced DBS check.