Rochdale Association Football Club
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JOB TITLE: Kit Assistant

REPORTING TO: Mens First Team Kit Manager

RESPONSIBLE FOR: N/A

LOCATION: Platt Lane Sports Complex, plus home and away fixture venues

HOURS: Full Time

REMUNERATION: As per benchmarking data

ROLE DESCRIPTION:

Founded in 1907, Rochdale AFC is an established professional football club, who will compete in EFL League Two for the 2026/27 season, alongside FA Cup, Carabao Cup, and Vertu Trophy knockout competition commitments. We are involved in a broad range of sporting, commercial, and charitable activities, following the acquisition of a controlling stake in the club by The Ogden Family in May 2024.

To strengthen and further develop our operation, the club is currently seeking a Kit Assistant for the 2026/27 season and beyond. This role would suit an individual who is passionate about providing excellent service to a variety of teams and individuals, but with the role focused on the mens first team. The club has a strong record in developing staff across all areas.

The successful candidates for this position will most likely have significant experience in a similar role, and have a solid knowledge of the standards expected across kit and equipment provision within the professional game. The role will inevitably require some work outside of standard business hours, so the ability to work flexibly will be key.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

o Support kit and equipment operations at all mens first team home and away fixtures, including setting up of dressing room areas prior to player arrival.
o Assist with the preparation of all mens first team training sessions, in collaboration with the wider staff group, meeting the individual needs of each player.
o Contribute to the transportation of kit and equipment on a daily basis, including driving of the kit van, as well as loading / unloading.
o Conduct daily checks on all items required for training sessions to be delivered successfully, including but not limited to balls, goals, bibs, boots, cones, mannequin's, etc.
o Monitor stock levels of all items, alerting office staff if orders need to be placed.

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o Liaise regularly with mens first team players and coaching staff to ensure their individual kit requirements are being met.
o Use of heat press equipment to ensure that all training wear and match kit are appropriately printed, to meet both in house needs, and competition requirements.
o Ad hoc communications with staff from other areas of the club, most notably Academy staff and staff from the Women's and Girls programme, to ensure all teams are well looked after.
o Ensure that the relevant health and safety standards of both training and matchday environments are maintained.
o Conduct all duties with due regard for RAFC policies and procedures.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

ESSENTIALS	**'NICE TO HAVE'S'**
Highly organised.	Experience in a similar role.
Exceptional attention to detail.	Football industry knowledge.
In date DBS clearance.	Understanding of EFL standards.
Based in / around Greater Manchester.	Community focused.
Flexibility to meet the needs of the club.	Able to form good relationships quickly.
Able to work unsociable hours.	I.T. Literate.

From time to time, the successful applicant may be asked to assist with activities essential to club operations that are not outlined in the above day to day duties. The successful applicant must carry out his/her duties with due regard for Rochdale Association Football Club Limited policies and procedures, and act in the best interest of Rochdale Association Football Club Limited at all times.

The successful applicant 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 relations. The Rochdale AFC family is wholly committed to safeguarding, and promoting the welfare and safety of young people. We fully expect our Board, employees, and volunteers to demonstrate and communicate this commitment at all times. As such, a DBS check will be required in order to undertake this post, and two references will be sought prior to appointment.

Any applications or expressions of interest should be submitted via office@rochdaleafc.co.uk before the application deadline of Friday August 14th 2026 at 5.00pm. Due to the nature of the role early applications are encouraged, and the interview process may commence prior to the date listed above if suitable candidates are identified.