



## WHAT IS BBEST?

*BBEST Community Hub is made up of 20 schools and a Pupil Referral Unit at the heart of the Batley and Birstall area. We provide a creative, responsive and effective support system for the families of more than 7600 children locally.*

## WHY CHOOSE US AS A PROVIDER?

Field Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School is the lead school for appointing trainee teachers within our BBEST Partnership.

Our Training Programme is created to meet the needs of individual trainees, so that you build on your strengths and develop high quality professional knowledge, skills and understanding.

Seen as a member of the staff team, our model enables you to experience a full year in school and fully appreciate the demands and rewards that brings.

## What Is Schools Direct Training?

- Schools Direct is a rigorous and practical route leading to the award of QTS (and PGCE if the trainee opts to complete additional training at the University of Huddersfield).
- Our programme enables trainees to develop a wide range of teaching skills to become reflective practitioners.
- The main training takes place in a school environment for four days a week.
- Trainees attend Kirklees and Calderdale SCITT for core training, support and guidance one day per week, sharing and learning from each other's experiences
- There is a half term placement within a contrasting school and key stage.
- There is the option for the PGCE route. Trainees choosing this route are required to attend the University of Huddersfield (approximately 6 days) for additional training.

## **What support do our trainees receive?**

- Support from experienced colleagues and opportunities to observe high quality teaching in a range of settings.
- Each trainee will be allocated an experienced mentor from within the placement school. The mentor will provide regular coaching sessions through which you identify strengths and areas to improve. This discussion leads to a comprehensive training plan.
- Trainees will be supported by a tutor from Kirklees and Calderdale SCiTT. Tutors quality assure the training provided by the school.
- Field Lane is the lead school and provides ongoing support and advice.

## **Where will our trainees be placed?**

- All first placement schools are based within the Batley and Birstall area.
- Trainees are placed according to their strengths, needs and skills.
- For the second school placement trainees will be placed in a contrasting school and key stage to enhance their experience.

## **Who is eligible to apply?**

In order to be eligible to apply you will need the following or equivalents:

- A degree
- Grade 4 (c) or above in English, Maths and Science GCSEs

If you do not have GCSE grade 4 (C), you'll need to show that you can meet an equivalent level. The training provider may ask you to take an equivalence test or show other evidence of your ability.

Before you start a teacher training course you'll also need to:

- Demonstrate, at interview, that your fundamental Maths and English skills in these areas will be assessed at interview and throughout your ITT (initial teaching training) year.
- Confirm you have the health and physical capacity to start training

## **Personal Qualities and Experience**

- A passion to work with children or young people
- A commitment to teaching and learning
- An interest in educational philosophy and an understanding of educational issues
- A good standard of written and spoken English
- Good ICT skills
- An ability to establish effective working relationships
- The ability to reflect on your own learning
- The ability to take responsibility for your own professional development
- Understanding of the demands of this school-based route into teaching

- Resilience

## **How Do We Assess?**

In order to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) trainees have to be judged competent against the Teacher Standards.

Assessment comprises of:

- Half-termly Tutor visit reports
- 3 termly reports
- 2nd placement report
- 3 Reflection Points (training activities which focus on a group of standards feeding into 2 Assignments)

We work hard to create a reduced workload approach to assessment, basing many of our judgements on professional dialogue – not paper trails. Assessment is based upon day-to-day practice and should complement your teaching and reduce the amount of additional work required.

## **Qualified Teacher Status**

Trainees will be assessed against the Teaching Standards for teaching leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Meeting the standards is a requirement for all trainee teachers, regardless of the ITT route. The standards form the basis for assessments and judgements which are made regularly throughout the programme and in a summative assessment towards the conclusion of the training period.

We also offer trainees the option to enhance their training and obtain the PGCE qualification through the University of Huddersfield.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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