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...GET INTO PRIMARY TEACHING**

**SCHOOL DIRECT ROUTE**

# **INFORMATION FOR 2022 ENTRY**



# INTRODUCING REACH TEACH

REach Teach is a vibrant and exciting partnership of schools who are passionate about finding and nurturing talented individuals to become outstanding Primary School teachers. Our partnership of schools is led by Tidemill Academy, an Outstanding school amongst the top 3% of schools for progress nationally. We have a strong reputation for professional development at all levels and our commitment to our staff, including our trainees, is shared by all.

Like Tidemill Academy, many of our alliance schools are part of REAch2 Multi-Academy Trust, the largest primary only Academy Trust in the country with a family of 60 schools across England. This provides **unrivalled development and employment opportunities** for our trainees. All partner schools have local differences but share the same strong sense of moral purpose and the drive to deliver exceptional opportunities for learning for all children to transform their lives and life chances.

## WHY TRAIN WITH US?

School Direct is a school-led initial teacher training pathway that offers practical, 'on-the-job' training and teacher education. Our unique, blended REach Teach programme aims to create highly qualified, skilled teachers, who are an integral part of a school community. With our large network of partner primary schools across the country, we enable you to train locally and grow nationally.

Our trainees have been hugely successful; since 2014, 100% of our School Direct trainees received Good or Outstanding outcomes at the end of the programme. We know how to support and develop teachers at the start of their careers and have a proven track record of initial teacher training, having piloted the former Graduate Teacher programme and Teach First primary programme.

We offer teacher training in partnership with an outstanding University at the forefront of Initial Teacher Education and no matter which local partner school you apply to, you will join a highly supportive team that will help you develop the confidence to implement effective teaching strategies. Whichever school you train in, you will be a valued member of the school community, learning from a range of specialists in primary education.

Effective mentoring is at the heart of our programme and you will be supported by expert colleagues who will guide your introduction to the core body of knowledge, skills and behaviours that define great teaching. We invest in the training and development of your mentors, so that they can invest effectively in you. You and your mentor will also be supported by one of our Link Tutors, who will conduct 5 visits to your school over the year.

## Train Locally, Grow Nationally. What makes our School Direct programme different?

The REach Teach School Direct programme, delivered in partnership with The University of Derby, is a distinctive blended-learning experience, which maximises the time you spend in your chosen school. Unlike a traditional University led programme, you can indicate a preference to train in one of our local schools, whilst benefitting from a national network of schools and the expertise of a national Academy Trust with a proven track-record in raising educational outcomes. The programme can be completed full-time or part-time

You will be placed at a school from the start of the academic year so you are part of the school community from the outset. You don't need to worry about being thrown in at the deep-end though – you won't be teaching classes until you are ready! You will be supported throughout by expert colleagues including our trained school mentors, subject specialists and link tutors. Former trainees describe our team as offering "amazing support and focus on well-being."

Your training will be delivered by expert teachers within the school and complemented by training from one of our accredited partners. You will develop your understanding of pedagogy, teaching practice and curriculum knowledge. By being part of a cohort of REach Teach trainees, you will also develop a strong professional support network who understand and share the teacher training experience alongside you.

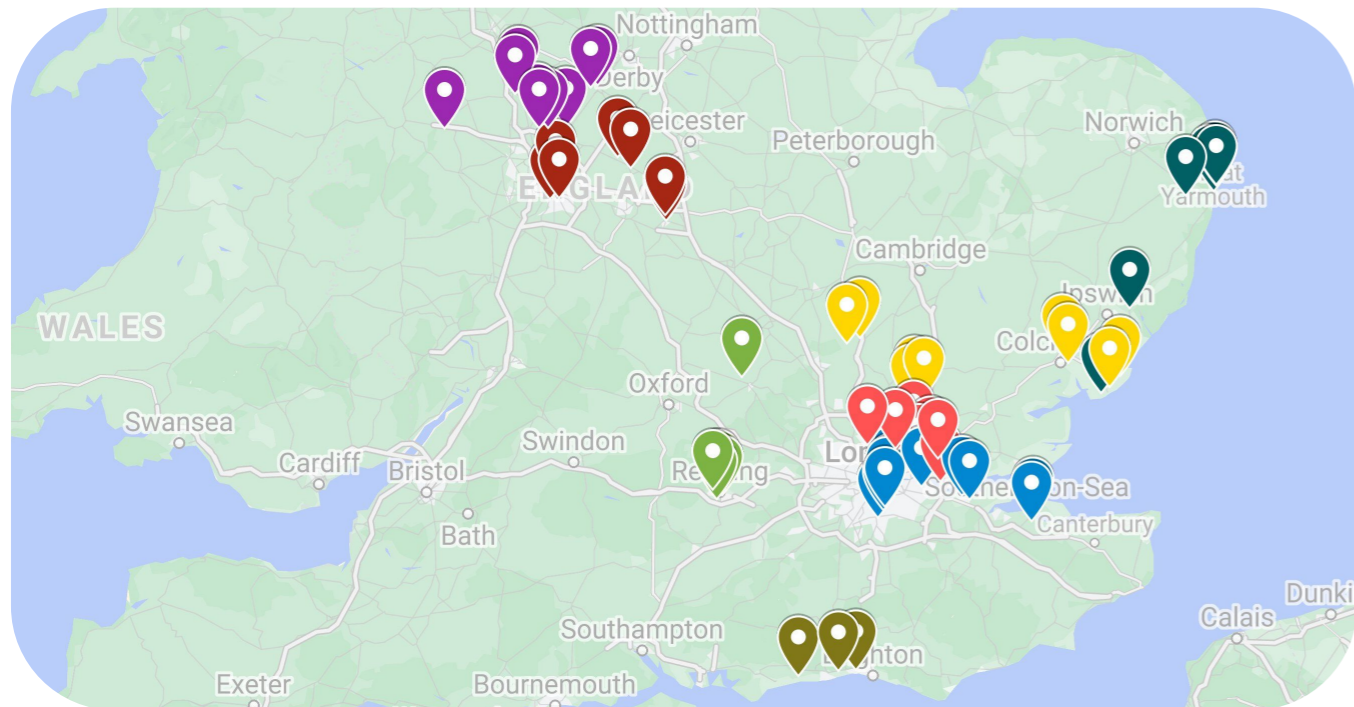
This is a school-led programme, accredited by an Ofsted outstanding provider of Primary Initial Teacher Education, affording you the opportunity to link theory with practice simultaneously to drive your progress. Whilst on placement, 1-2 days a week you will undertake REach Teach or university training.

Our programme is structured via 12 face-to-face training days in local partner schools and 12 online training sessions. We hold our sessions in exemplary schools where you observe and deconstruct a range of outstanding teaching practice alongside fellow trainees. Our online training brings together REach Teach trainees across our national network to enhance collaboration and community.

As well as your main training placement, you will complete at least one contrasting placement in a different key stage; this will afford you the opportunity to work with different students, within a different school and with a wider range of colleagues. On successful completion of the programme, our School Direct Primary PGCE will give you **Qualified Teacher Status, a PGCE qualification and 60 additional Masters Level credits.**



# OUR SCHOOLS



SOUTH LONDON AND KENT	
<b>Tidemill Academy - Lead School</b> Deptford, London	
<b>Kender Primary</b> New Cross, London	
<b>Dalmain Primary</b> Forest Hill, London	
<b>Kelvin Grove Primary</b> Sydenham, London	
<b>Aerodrome Primary Academy</b> Croydon	
<b>Robert Fitzroy Academy</b> Croydon	
<b>Kemsley Primary Academy</b> Sittingbourne	
<b>St Marks Primary Academy</b> Croydon	
<b>Brampton Primary Academy</b> Bexleyheath	
<b>Milton Court Primary</b> Sittingbourne	
<b>Tymerwood Primary Academy</b> Gravesend	
<b>Copperfield Academy</b> Gravesend	

NORTH AND EAST LONDON	
<b>Woodside Primary Academy</b> Walthamstow	
<b>Chigwell Primary Academy</b> Chigwell	
<b>Concordia Academy</b> Romford	
<b>Dorothy Barley Junior Academy</b> Dagenham	
<b>Chapel End Junior Academy</b> Walthamstow	
<b>Purfleet Primary Academy</b> Purfleet	
<b>Summerside Primary Academy</b> Finchley	
<b>Langtons Junior Academy</b> Hornchurch	

SUSSEX	
<b>White Meadows Primary Academy</b> West Sussex	
<b>The Globe Academy</b> West Sussex	
<b>Eastbrook Primary Academy</b> West Sussex	

HARLOW, HERTFORDSHIRE AND ESSEX	
<b>Pemberley Academy</b> Harlow	
<b>Water Lane Primary Academy</b> Harlow	
<b>Newhall Primary Academy</b> Harlow	
<b>Garden City Academy</b> Letchworth	
<b>Camulos Academy</b> Colchester	
<b>Kirby Primary Academy</b> Clacton	
<b>Unity Primary Academy</b> Colchester	
<b>Burrsville Infant Academy</b> Clacton	
<b>Wilshire Dacre Junior Academy</b> Hitchin	

READING AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
<b>Civitas Academy</b> Reading	
<b>The Palmer Academy</b> Reading	
<b>Green Park Village Primary Academy</b> Reading	
<b>Green Ridge Primary Academy</b> Aylesbury	
<b>Ranikhet Academy</b> Reading	

STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE	
<b>Scientia Academy</b> Burton-on-Trent	
<b>Veritas Primary Academy</b> Stafford	
<b>Five Spires Academy</b> Lichfield	
<b>Lawley Village</b> Telford	
<b>Springhill Primary Academy</b> Burntwood	
<b>Heath Hayes</b> Stafford	
<b>Silkmore Primary Academy</b> Stafford	
<b>Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy</b> Burton-on-Trent	
<b>Norton Canes Primary Academy</b> Cannock	
<b>Bushbury Lane</b> Wolverhampton	

BIRMINGHAM AND RUGBY	
<b>Moor Green Primary Academy</b> Birmingham	
<b>Manor Park Primary Academy</b> Aston	
<b>Oakfield Primary Academy</b> Rugby	
<b>Racemeadow Primary Academy</b> Atherstone	
<b>Springfield Primary Academy</b> Birmingham	
<b>Lower Farm Primary Academy</b> Nuneaton	
<b>Riverside Academy</b> Rugby	

SUFFOLK	
<b>Gunton Primary Academy</b> Lowestoft	
<b>The Limes Primary Academy</b> Lowestoft	
<b>Phoenix St Peter Academy</b> Lowestoft	
<b>St Margaret's Academy</b> Lowestoft	
<b>Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy</b> Lowestoft	
<b>Martlesham Primary Academy</b> Ipswich	
<b>Beccles Primary Academy</b> East Suffolk	
<b>Sir Martin Frobisher Academy</b> Clacton - On-Sea	



# FINANCE INFORMATION

## School Direct PGCE (+QTS)

The tuition fee for School Direct PGCE is £9250. You might be able to apply for financial support, including maintenance loans. The following website is a useful source of information:  
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training>

## After your training

When you have completed your training, it is our aim that you will secure a teaching position in your training school or one of our other partner schools. Depending on the location of the school, salaries will vary. The table below gives you an idea of a qualified teacher's starting salary and how the salary can progress:

Qualified Teacher Main Pay Range				
The pay ranges shown in the table below are for 2021/2022, and are revised annually.				
Scale	England and Wales (excluding London and fringe)	Inner London	Outer London	Fringe London
Min	£25,714	£32,157	£29,915	£26,948
Max	£36,961	£42,624	£41,136	£38,174

## Additional rewards

In addition to the basic salary you'll earn, there are other great benefits available including:

- holidays – you'll get more days than many people in other professions, though teachers work for 195 days per year in school, and tend to do some work during their holidays;
- a generous pension – when you're employed as a teacher you'll automatically be a member of the Teachers' Pension Scheme;
- special educational needs (SEN) allowance – if you work as a qualified teacher with pupils with SEN, you could be eligible for an SEN allowance of no less than £2,106 and no more than £4,158 per annum;
- teaching and learning responsibility (TLR) payments – additional money if you take on more responsibilities ranging from £2,667 to £13,027 depending on the type of duties.

## How to apply to train to teach with us

### Programme Code 3BWF

To find courses, you will use the Government's 'Find postgraduate teacher training' service <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses-in-england>

You will be able to find all of our programmes and the schools you can apply to by searching for 'REAch Teach'.

Guidance  
**Find postgraduate teacher training courses in England**

A service to help graduates find the most relevant postgraduate teacher training courses.

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Use this service if you're a graduate and you plan to train to teach in a state primary or secondary school, or in further education, in England.

You can search courses by location, provider and subject.

When you've chosen a course or courses, you'll be redirected to UCAS to complete your application.

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When you are ready to apply you will need to apply for **2022 entry** using the DfE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>

You will need to register to create an account. Once this is complete, you will be able to apply for teacher training courses.

## Apply for teacher training

Use this service to apply for a postgraduate teacher training course to teach in a state primary or secondary school, or in further education.

This service is for courses in England. Learn more about teacher training in [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

You can save your application and come back to it at any time.

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# FAQS

Below are some of the most common questions we are asked about teacher training with us. If you cannot find an answer to your question below or in the rest of this information booklet, please get in touch with us.

What key skills are you looking for?	It is really important that you are passionate about a career in teaching and excited about the prospect of becoming a teacher! We are looking for candidates who show potential: this means you need to demonstrate an eagerness to learn, a reflective attitude, attention to detail, and an ability to adapt and thrive under pressure.
I haven't got a degree. Can I still apply?	No. All candidates must hold a UK degree (or equivalent), at a minimum 2:2 classification. If you are currently studying towards an undergraduate degree, you must have completed the course prior to commencing a School Direct training programme.
I don't have (one of) GCSE Science, maths or English at Grade C/Level 4 or above	We are able to process applications from applicants who do not have the minimum GCSE requirements, however any offer of a place would be conditional to you achieving the qualification(s) by the time you enrol on the programme in August. You will need to check that the organisation offering equivalency tests is accepted by our accredited provider. We recommend <a href="http://www.equivalencytesting.com">www.equivalencytesting.com</a>
I completed my qualifications in another country. Will these be valid?	All qualifications gained outside of the UK will be checked to ensure they meet the relevant equivalency standards. If you have a NARIC statement of comparability this is useful, however our accredited provider may require you to produce your original qualification certificates.
Can I apply if I live outside the UK?	All applicants must have the right to work in the UK to be eligible for School Direct training with REAch Teach.
Will I have to travel to other schools or the University?	You will be based at one school for the majority of the programme but will also have training sessions at our REAch Teach partner schools. Half of our training is delivered online however you will need to attend one day of Masters level study with the University of Derby. This will take place at locations across our partnership - you do not necessarily have to travel to Derby unless this is the closest location to you!

What happens after my training year?	We hope that trainees will go on to teach in their employing school, or another school in the local partnership, once they are suitably qualified and have successfully passed the course. Please note, this cannot be guaranteed.
Can I apply by submitting a CV and cover letter directly to the school?	No. All applications must be processed through DfE Apply.
I've submitted my application but haven't heard from you. Why?	Once your application has been submitted, and your references have been provided, we will be able to download your application from the DfE. We try to respond within 2 weeks. Our interview process has two stages—one remote and one face to face.
What can I expect of the interview process?	The interview process will include a range of tasks: you interacting with a group of children, numeracy and literacy tasks, thinking tasks and formal interview questions. We aim for our interview process to be as relaxing as possible so that you feel comfortable and can show us your true potential.

## CONTACTS

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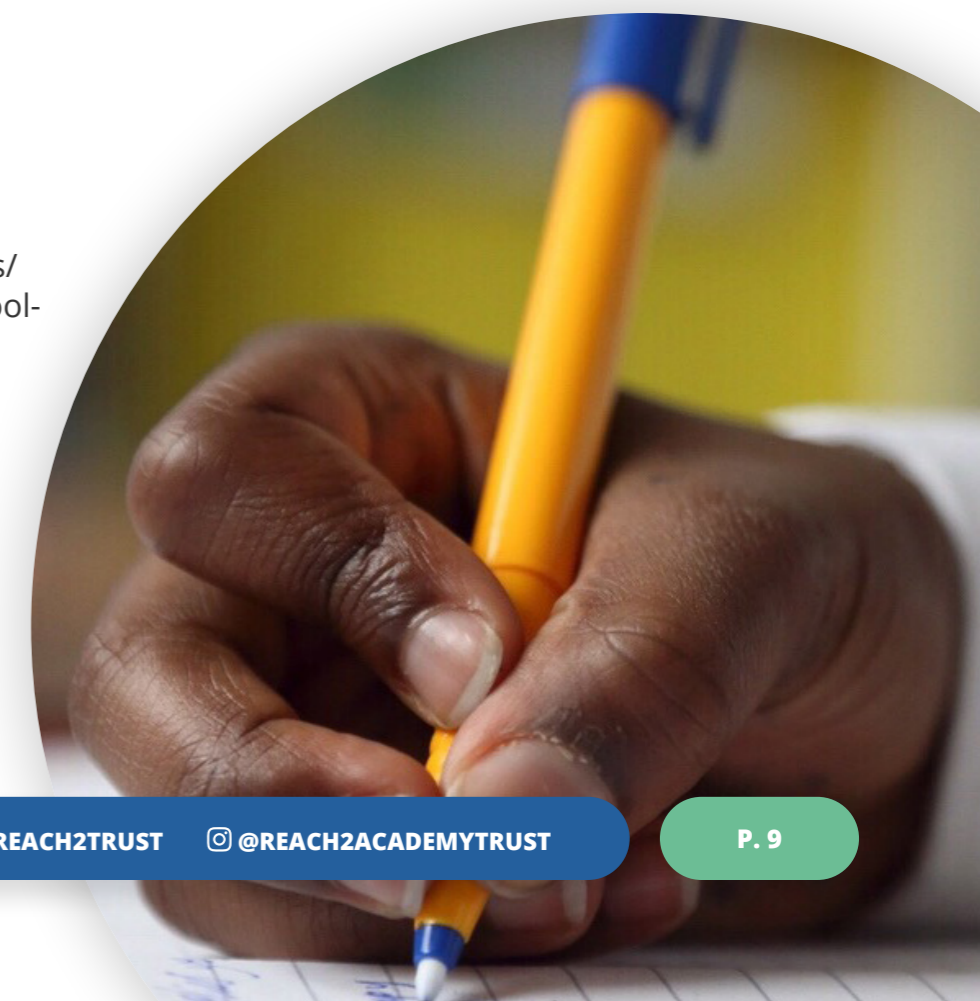
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**[www.reachteach.org](http://www.reachteach.org)**

### University of Derby:

<https://www.derby.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/pgce-primary-school-direct/>





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