

SCHOOL DIRECT 2021 – 2022 (Elmridge UCAS Code 27YF)

ABOUT US

TRAINING WITH US

Elmridge Primary School Alliance is passionate about shaping the minds of the future.

Elmridge is at the forefront of school-led Initial Teacher Training and is uniquely placed to deliver innovative training opportunities. One of the most empowering routes into teaching is the School Direct route. It offers the opportunity to learn with and from a team of professionals in an inspirational and dedicated alliance. Due to strong partnerships, working across an alliance of schools, Elmridge School Direct trainees have an outstanding record since its School Direct programme began in September 2014:

- 100% employed in readiness for start of the new school year upon completion of the course
- 100% of trainees successfully completed the programme
- 90% graded as 'Outstanding'

"School direct was definitely the right choice for me with the outstanding level of training and guidance from everyone involved"
(School Direct Trainee 2014-2015)

"This year has been the most intense year of my life but at the same time everything I have experienced has been really, really rewarding and I'm so glad that I've come into teaching"
(School Direct Trainee 2015-2016)

"I cannot speak any more highly of the course and the opportunity we have been given. Being trained by professionals who are truly passionate about what they do, makes me feel I have been given such a fantastic head start. The support I have received throughout the course has been amazing"
(School Direct Trainee 2016-2017)

"My experience of the school direct route has been brilliant, I have loved being part of a small alliance and having a group of trainees to go through the experience together with ... it is clear I chose the route which provided me with the most worthwhile experience and very good training."
(School Direct Trainee 2017-2018)

"This route has allowed me to feel fully prepared to be a teacher in September. I had great support from my mentors allowing me to often take on full units of work with quite aspirational outcomes such as class assemblies. The long periods in school has also provided me with time to plan other activities I may need to prepare in my NQT year such as planning a school trip"
(School Direct Trainee 2019-2020)

Elmridge and its alliance partners, working together, have combined their expertise to continue to deliver the School Direct programme into 2021-22. This will be the alliance's 8th year of delivering its very successful School Direct Programme. The diverse representation of schools within the alliance offers a vast range of experiences giving trainees the opportunity to learn and excel.

COURSE OFFERED

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This is a year-long school-based training programme that will lead to both a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). It embodies a collaborative approach, enabling you to connect with experienced school-based professionals, whilst also receiving guidance from The Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) education faculty and staff. The training will be delivered jointly by MMU and by expert teachers from alliance schools.

This School Direct programme is a full-time, primary, unsalaried programme running from September to June.

You will be trained in a highly supportive and aspirational environment and will develop the rigour, professional knowledge, understanding and skills necessary for the delivery of creative, purposeful and challenging teaching and learning. In order to achieve this, you will experience:

- A main placement in a designated school
- A contrasting placement, from within the wider alliance
- A special education needs (SEN) placement, from within the wider alliance
- Classroom observations
- Working with individuals/small groups/and whole classes to teach lessons
- Assessment of pupil attainment and progress
- Lectures and online learning
- Planning and delivery of blocked training sessions
- Professional development training sessions
- Mentor sessions/support
- The wider school community
- Extra-curricular activities

Elmridge Primary School and its alliance partners have a wealth of strengths to offer you. As well as each school having its own distinctive strengths, the alliance draws upon Specialist Leaders in Education to enhance your training experiences. These unique school-based learning opportunities build upon the relationships between the alliance partners, the University and you.

The Alliance's commitment to you:

- A nominated, experienced, school-based mentor
- Regular school-based mentor meetings that support, feedback and challenge your professional development
- Experience across the primary age range (5-11 years old)
- Experience in delivering school-based training sessions covering core and foundation subjects. These include English, maths, science, IT, history, geography, music, art, PE, foreign languages and design technology.

- Enhanced educational theory sessions and practical advice on succeeding in the classroom. These include behaviour management, mental health and wellbeing, assessment for learning and metacognition.
- Opportunities for you to tailor and influence your own professional development

COURSE FEES

Our School Direct Training Programme is open to graduates and funded by tuition fees, further information is available here <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding>

INTERVIEWS

As an interested applicant you should apply via the UCAS website <http://www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training>

The alliance recruits and selects its own trainees, using the alliance's skills and core values:

Skills	Core Values
Teamwork	Commitment
Problem solving	Integrity
Effective communication skills	Nurturing
Effective time management	Resilience
Organisational skills	Passion
Adaptability	Hard working
Reflective	Motivation to learn
Effective relationships	Open minded

Successful applicants are invited to attend our interview process where candidates will continue to be assessed against the alliance's skills and core values criteria.

The interview process includes a face-to-face interview and the opportunity to lead an activity with a group of children (COVID restrictions may apply)

- The face-to-face interview is led by 2 members of the alliance and lasts approximately 30 minutes. The members of the alliance are usually senior leaders eg Headteacher, Deputy/Assistant Headteacher.
- The activity is observed by 2 members of the alliance and lasts approximately 20 minutes. The members of the alliance are usually senior leaders eg Headteacher, Deputy/Assistant Headteacher.

HOW SCHOOL PLACEMENTS WORK

The alliance will place you into schools that will be most able to meet your specific needs. You will be designated:

- A 'main' school placement, lasting approximately 20 weeks
- A 'contrasting' placement, lasting approximately 10 weeks
- An SEN/inclusion placement, lasting 1 week

A statutory requirement of this School Direct programme is the need to have experienced teaching in both Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6), therefore your main school placement and contrasting school placement will be based in different Key Stages.

Placements will take place in one of the following schools:

Acre Hall Primary School – <http://www.acrehall.trafford.sch.uk/>

Elmridge Primary School - <http://www.elmridge.trafford.sch.uk/>

Gatley Primary School - <https://www.gatleyprimary.com/>

Park Road Sale Primary School - <https://www.parkroadsale.trafford.sch.uk/>

On both of your main school and contrasting school placements you will be allocated:

- A specific class within which you will teach
- Opportunities to observe across school
- A school-based mentor who will support you on placement
- A university tutor who will visit and support you on placement
- A representative from Elmridge Primary School to visit and support you on placement

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED

The entry requirements for School Direct are:

- An honours degree to a minimum of a 2:2 classification
- At least 5 GCSEs grade A*- C, including the following, Maths, English, Science (Single or dual Physics, Chemistry or Biology). We do not accept Adult Numeracy/Literacy/Key Skills as equivalents to GCSEs
- Applicants who are due to graduate or have graduated within the last 3 years MUST have a University lecturer as their principal referee

PERSONAL QUALITIES

The alliance is looking for the following skills and core values in its future teachers:

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We encourage you to provide evidence of these skills and core values in your personal statement and during the interview process.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Elmridge Primary School and MMU are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff, trainees and volunteers to share this commitment. Trainee appointments will be subject to satisfactory clearances and checks including a Disclosure and Barring Service check, carried out by MMU acting as the admissions authority.

Interested applicants are invited to contact us on
teachingschool@elmridge.trafford.sch.uk

For further details please visit <http://www.elmridge.trafford.sch.uk/itt>