



Candidate Information Pack

Role: Nursery Teacher (Qualified)

Required for: September 2024



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Chief Executive Officer's Welcome

A very warm welcome to Aspire Academies Trust. I am delighted that you are interested in joining one of our family of schools.

Our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) comprises of six primary schools, and a Training Centre, currently supporting approximately 2500 students and 350 staff. In the next three years, we intend to extend the current numbers further and welcome more schools into the Trust.

The advantage of working within a MAT is that there are many natural opportunities for collaboration on every level. It is easy to become insular in a stand-alone own school or to only see things from one school's perspective. Being part of a MAT enables deeper, more meaningful links to be established, leading to more efficient ways of working and sharing of resources, ideas and best practice. It is our experience that this helps the whole school community to benefit.

I wish you the very best of luck in your application. You won't find me, or the Aspire Central Team, hiding behind closed doors. We welcome a chat and take a proactive role with our Academies and their Local Advisory Bodies. We like to get to know people personally and thrive on working as part of a team so I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards,

Vicky Parsey
CEO



Principal's Welcome

On behalf of the children, staff and governors of Knutsford Primary Academy, I would like to extend a warm welcome you and thank you for your interest in joining our school.

Knutsford is a large, friendly and oversubscribed school with much to offer. We have high expectations of our children: in their work and in their behaviour. Simply put, we expect the children to work to the best of their ability, to show kindness to those around them and to take care of their environment.

Our vision at Knutsford is to inspire our children to be happy, successful learners and responsible citizens. Feedback from pupils, parents and visitors tells us that this vision is embedded into the life of the school. Our curriculum is broad and balanced and adapted to meet the needs of our children. We encourage the children to take risks with their learning and we support them in seeing mistakes as being part of the learning process. We aim to be an inclusive school, where all are valued within an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust, and we strive to make each child's time with us purposeful, challenging and enjoyable.

If you are still keen to apply, please read on and I look forward to receiving your application. This pack should provide you with all the information you need as you start your career with us, but if there is anything else you would like to know about Knutsford Primary Academy please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

Ben Conway
Executive Principal



Trust Schools

Name	Location	Brief outline of the school	Facilities
Bedmond Academy	Abbotts Langley	A small one form entry primary school, based in the warm, vibrant village of Bedmond which sits on the edge of Hemel Hempstead and Watford. Joined the Trust in 2017.	A purpose built school situated in large grounds consisting of fields and woods. A recently built hub which is used for meetings and breakfast and after school club. There is an ongoing improvement plan for the site.
Bovingdon Primary Academy	Bovingdon village	A two form entry school set in the heart of the village. This is a popular, oversubscribed village school with an outstanding Ofsted grading. One of the first 3 schools to form the Trust.	Consists of the original school building and later purpose built additional buildings.
Broadfield Academy	Hemel Hempstead	A two form entry school which was originally an infant and junior school and later converted to a Primary. Joined the Trust in 2018.	Purpose built school with extensive playing fields. The buildings have been well maintained. There is a family centre on the site.
The Grove Academy	Watford	A large three form entry school in Garston with an 80 place nursery. One of 3 schools to form the Trust in 2014.	This is a large site with extensive outdoor space. The buildings are over 2 floors.
Hammond Academy	Hemel Hempstead	A two form entry school which currently has 1 bulge year. One of the original 3 schools which formed the Trust.	A large site with spacious learning environments. There are 3 separate outside areas and playgrounds for different year groups and an outside canopy.
Knutsford Primary Academy	Watford	A friendly, oversubscribed two form entry primary school. Joined the Trust in 2018.	The original school was built in 1939 and destroyed by fire in 1999. It took 3 years to re-build and now boasts a lovely purpose built building with a recently installed all-weather pitch.



Role Overview and School Vision

Are you a creative and forward thinking teacher who loves learning?

Do you want to work collaboratively to develop innovative and exciting learning opportunities for all?

If so then we want you!

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed Nursery teacher to join our team in September 2024. We will be expanding our provision to offer 30 hours from September and we are looking for someone with team mentality to help us shape the learning experiences of our youngest learners.

At Knutsford we have engaged and enthusiastic learners who love being a part of our Knutsford learning community. We set high expectations of ourselves and each other, something which brings out the best in our team and learners. We encourage a holistic approach, ensuring that we have happy learners whose personal and social development plays an integral role in the education that they receive.

This is a permanent position on 0.6 Wednesday to Friday.

If the sound of this role excites you then we would love to meet you and show you around our fantastic school. Please email head@knutsfordprimaryacademy.org.uk to arrange a tour or call 01923 446020 to discuss the position further.

We can offer you:

- Engaged, enthusiastic and well behaved learners
- Forward thinking school leadership that values creativity and initiative
- An inclusive and holistic approach
- An experienced staff team with a breadth and depth of knowledge and skills
- Opportunities for growth and personal development
- Collaborative support and networking within the Aspire family of schools
- A supportive parent body and Local Advisory Board

Vision

Inspiring our children to be happy, successful learners and responsible citizens.

Mission

To create a safe and challenging learning environment where our children can be the best they can be.

Aims

We aim to help our children be the best they can be by:

- Encouraging positive feelings of self-worth, allowing children to develop the confidence to fulfil their potential and be successful in an ever changing world.
- Providing a culture where children are excited by their learning and challenged to take risks, safe in the knowledge that making mistakes is part of the learning process.
- Ensuring that children achieve high standards of behaviour and achievement by encouraging responsibility, independence, resilience, self-discipline and respect for others.
- Providing a safe, nurturing community that promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all children.
- Promoting the values our children have identified as essential to being a good citizen: kindness, integrity, honesty, teamwork, working with the community, equal rights for all, consideration, fairness and respect for each other.
- Promoting British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for those with different faiths and beliefs.



Application Procedure

For a confidential discussion regarding this vacancy or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Ben Conway, Executive Principal, head@knutsfordprimaryacademy.org.uk

We are only accepting applications through My New Term. In compliance with Safer Recruitment Guidelines CV's will not be accepted.

Closing date: Monday, 8 July 2024 at 9am

Interview date: To be confirmed

Prospective candidates are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible as the school reserves the right to close the advert early should we feel able to appoint an appropriate candidate.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted with details of the interview process.

Safer Recruitment

Aspire Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and visitors to share this commitment. Appointment to this post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) as well as other pre-appointment checks outlined in Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2023).

Equal Opportunities

At Aspire Academies Trust we believe that all individuals are of equal value and we are committed to equal opportunities for all. All people who work and study in the school have the right to be respected and valued within a safe and secure environment and not to be discriminated against on the grounds of age, class, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation and religion or belief. To help us meet our high standards and aspirations of a fully diverse and inclusive workplace, we strongly encourage suitably qualified applicants from all backgrounds to apply for this vacancy.

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Job Description

Job title:	Class Teacher - Nursery
Responsible to:	Executive Principal
Salary / Grade:	MPS 1 – 6
Actual salary:	£31,350 - £42,689
Working hours / weeks:	0.6 Wednesday to Friday
Core purpose of the role:	To fulfil the professional responsibilities of a teacher, as set out in the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD). To meet the expectations set out in the Teacher's Standards Fulfil duties reasonably directed by the Principal.

1 **TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To ensure that the responsibilities of the role are carried out in a way which reflects the mission and the values of the Trust
- To be aware of and observe all policies, procedures, working practices and regulations, and in particular to comply with policies relating to Child Protection, Safeguarding children, Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Confidentiality, Data Protection and Financial Regulations, reporting any concerns to an appropriate person
- To uphold our commitment to safeguarding and to promote the wellbeing of children
- To contribute to a culture of continuous improvement
- To comply with all reasonable management requests

2 **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Teaching:

- Be responsible for the quality of the teaching and learning of all pupils who are assigned to the post holder
- Plan and teach well-structured lessons to assigned classes, following the school's plans and curriculum
- Assess, monitor, record and report on the learning needs, progress and achievements of assigned pupils
- Participate in arrangements for preparing pupils for examinations

Whole-school organisation, strategy and development:

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision
- Make a positive contribution to the school's vision and values
- Work with others on curriculum and/or pupil development to secure coordinated outcomes.
- Provide leadership across the school in a designated subject or curriculum area, this to include:
 1. Monitoring quality and standards
 2. Contributing to school planning and self-evaluation
 3. Provide professional support to other teachers and support staff
 4. Advising staff on appropriate resources and materials

5. Leading appropriate professional development

Health and Safety:

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health and safety, confidentiality, security, data protection; and report all concerns to an appropriate person
- Promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils
- Maintain good order and discipline among pupils, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals:

- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the school
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues

Management of staff and resources:

- Direct, supervise and provide support to support staff assigned to them and, where appropriate, other teachers
- Contribute to the recruitment, selection, appointment and professional development of other teachers and support staff
- Monitor quality and standards of resources delegated to them

Professional development:

- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures
- Take part in further training and development in order to improve own teaching and overall performance
- Where appropriate, take part in the appraisal and professional development of others

Communication:

- Communicate effectively with pupils, parents/carers, colleagues, wider school community and governors

3 **HEALTH & SAFETY**

To be aware of and comply with the Trust's health and safety policies.

4 **SAFEGUARDING**

Aspire Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all employees to share this commitment.

This post is classed as having a high degree of contact with children or vulnerable adults and is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. An enhanced disclosure will be sought through the DBS as part of Aspire Academies Trust pre-employment checks. Please note that additional information referring to the Disclosure and Barring Service is in the guidance notes to the application form. If you are invited to an interview you will receive more information.

5 **DATA PROTECTION**

To be aware of and comply with responsibilities under the Data Protection Act (2018) for the security, accuracy and significance of personal data held on paper or electronic systems.



This document will be reviewed annually, as part of the performance management programme. The duties and responsibilities listed above describe the post as it is at present. The post holder is expected to accept any reasonable alterations that may from time to time be necessary.

5.1 **Notes:**

- This document does not form part of the contract of employment.
- This document is an overview of the role. The responsibilities will include but will not be limited to those listed above and it is anticipated that the role will evolve over time and as such the duties may change.
- The Trust has, at its discretion, the right to ask you to work in a different school across the Trust, if the need arises.

6 **TEACHERS' STANDARDS**

6.1 **Preamble**

Teachers make the education of their pupils their first concern, and are accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in work and conduct. Teachers act with honesty and integrity; have strong subject knowledge, keep their knowledge and skills as teachers up-to-date and are self-critical; forge positive professional relationships; and work with parents in the best interests of their pupils.

6.2 **Part One: Teaching**

6.3 **A teacher must:**

1. *Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils*

- establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect
- set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
- demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils.

2. *Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils*

- be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes
- be aware of pupils' capabilities and their prior knowledge, and plan teaching to build on these
- guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching
- encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study

3. *Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge*

- have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
- demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship
- demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject
- if teaching early reading, demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
- if teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies

4. *Plan and teach well-structured lessons*

- impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time
- promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity
- set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired
- reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
- contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s)

5. *Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils*

- know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively
- have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these
- demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils' education at different stages of development
- have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate

distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them

6. *Make accurate and productive use of assessment*

- know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements
- make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils' progress
- use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
- give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback

7. *Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment*

- have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy
- have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly
- manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them
- maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary

8. *Fulfil wider professional responsibilities*

- make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
- develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support
- deploy support staff effectively
- take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues
- communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils' achievements and well-being.

Part Two: Personal and professional conduct

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

- Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:
 - treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position
 - having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
 - showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
 - not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
 - ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
- Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality
- Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications/Knowledge/Experience	Essential/Desirable
QTS	E
Evidence of effective teaching and learning strategies	E
Experience of teaching across the whole primary age range	D
An understanding of the national curriculum requirements at the appropriate key stage	E
An understanding of monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting on pupil progress	E
Knowledge of statutory requirements concerning Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, SEND and Safeguarding pupils	E
Effective communication skills, engaging a range of stakeholders	E
A commitment to the Trust's values and to take an active role in collaboration across the Trust	E
Highly organised and clam under pressure	E
Experience in the preparation and administration of statutory national curriculum tests	D
A commitment to further professional development	E





Benefits of Working for Aspire Academies Trust

There are many benefits to working for the Trust.

Cross Trust Working

- The advantage of working within a multi-academy trust (MAT) is that there are many natural opportunities for collaboration on every level. Being part of a MAT means we can forge deeper links, sharing of resources, ideas and best practice. It is our belief that when schools work together, share their ideas and draw on each other's strengths, they can achieve so much more.
- We regularly create ways of working in partnership across the Trust, for example shared INSET, working parties, forums for business, education, governance and more. We urge you to seek these opportunities out, take advantage of them as learning opportunities and use them as a stepping stone to further your development and career progression.

Leave

- There are many types of leave available to employees, from career breaks to study leave.

Pension Schemes

- You will be auto-enrolled into the relevant pension scheme although you have the option to opt out if you wish. For more information, visit
For support staff: www.lgpsmember.org
For teachers: [Teachers' Pensions \(teacherspensions.co.uk\)](http://Teachers'Pensions.com)

Childcare Vouchers

- Childcare Vouchers closed for new applicants on the 4th October 2018 and were replaced with a new government scheme called Tax-Free Childcare which is not administered by your employer. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

School Lunch

- We appreciate that schools are busy places therefore a free school meal, from our kitchen, is available for every member of staff. Our catering teams pride themselves on the quality and variety of food on offer to our pupils and staff.

Performance Management

- We want you to feel valued as an employee, to grow with us as a Trust and to achieve your potential, whatever your role or aspiration. As such, performance development is incredibly important to us as a Trust. We work hard to ensure effective performance development by using both formal and informal processes to support individuals and teams to achieve high levels of performance at the current time and to be able to do the same in the future.

Aspire Academies Trust Values

At Aspire we have strong values and expect our staff to work to these values and behaviours. We would expect future employees to share in our values and be committed to upholding them and holding others to account on working to our high expectations.

Values	Behaviours and characteristics
Integrity	Honesty, trust, respect, fairness, equity, openness, autonomy
Aspirational	High expectations, positivity, passion, motivated, challenging, energy, craftsmanship
Collaboration	Stakeholder focus, sharing, communicating, partnerships, community, Trust-wide and beyond
Creativity	Research-rich, innovative, enterprising, horizon-gazing, curious
Relationships	Humility, respect, caring, empathy, professional behaviours, approachable, safety
Accountability	Responsibility, commitment, focus, standards, individual and shared, co-agency



We look forward to receiving your application, good luck!



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