

# School Direct – Teacher Training

## Are you considering a career in teaching?

*"Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."*

Margaret Mead

### Will you be that champion?

- Do you have a gift for inspiring others to learn?
- Would you enjoy meeting the challenge of building the core skills of young children?
- Would you like to train in a vibrant learning community with a curriculum derived from the very best of international practice?



### Train with us!

As a school within the Deep Learning Teaching School Alliance, we offer training in a vibrant teaching environment to enable you to develop a deep understanding of excellence in the classroom. Whilst training with us there will be collaborative opportunities which include working with a number of outstanding schools in contrasting catchment areas.

- Do you have what it takes to develop initiatives and take part in practical, workplace-based research?
- Are you interested in developing the landscape for students who follow you?
- Do you want to develop your leadership capacity to the full?

Our Alliance provides a unique opportunity for you to train, not just as a teacher for tomorrow, but as a future leader of education.

A career in teaching is satisfying, fulfilling and has the capacity to change lives. We offer post graduate training through the School Direct Initial Teacher Training programme in partnership with Liverpool John Moore's University.

Our Training programme places you in the classroom to learn alongside successful, inspirational teachers who are passionate about their work and have a gift for developing these skills in others. This one year training programme includes a six week placement in a contrasting school and offers you experience with infant and junior children.



### **How does the programme work?**

Our school is one of a number of consortium schools, led by Our Lady of Pity RC Primary School; an outstanding school and the lead school for the Deep Learning Teaching School Alliance. The consortium of schools work together to run our School Direct programme, which offers highest quality placements for successful candidates.

Our consortium includes:

- Blackhorse Hill Infant School
- Blackhorse Hill Junior School
- St Vincent de Paul Primary School, Liverpool
- Dawpool CE Aided Primary School
- Eastway Primary School
- Greasby Junior School
- Higher Bebington Junior School
- Our Lady of Pity R.C. Primary School
- St Bridget's CE Primary School
- Town Lane Infants School
- Sandbrook Primary School



One day of each week is spent at Liverpool John Moore's University, developing your core skills and exploring the fundamental principles of teaching and learning. The other four days each week (apart from additional incidental training) are spent in your placement school: team teaching, planning, resourcing and delivering the full range of the primary school curriculum.

Successful candidates will be offered a place after a two day interview process and will then be offered a familiarisation visit to the school within the consortium most likely to be their main placement training school.

We offer Primary and Early Years Primary training placements with mathematics specialism, through the non-salaried route. Successful applicants with a 2.1 degree are eligible to apply for a Department of Education grant of £4,000 (applicants with a 2.2 will be considered subject to sustained relevant experience). Successful applicants can apply for a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England. Further details can be found on the website: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## **Who can apply?**

Applicants will need to hold, or expect to gain a minimum 2:2 initial degree. Additionally, a standard equivalent to Grade C at GCSE level in: English Language, Mathematics and Science is required. Trainees must demonstrate very high standards of communication in both spoken and written English.

More details will be found on the UCAS website. Our UCAS ID number is: 1W3

## Which courses are available?

For the year 2015-16 there are places available for:

**PGCE Primary 5-11:** Our Lady of Pity R.C. School leads a consortium of good and outstanding schools offering the School Direct programme. As the lead school for the Deep Learning Teaching School Alliance, we are at the leading edge of educational initiative and career development. We develop our students, not to become class teachers of tomorrow but to become future leaders in education. Through the Teaching School Alliance, you will take part in live active research and access top quality training.

**PGCE Primary FS/KS1:** who will focus their learning within the Foundation Stage (3-5 years) with experience also in Key Stage 1 (5-7 years). This course is ideal for those who are fascinated by the earliest developments in children's formal acquisition of skills. Enabling a child led approach and teaching the skills necessary to respond to learning in a large group are specialised skills which will flourish in the classroom context where theory becomes practice on a daily basis.

**PGCE Primary 5-11 with Specialism in Mathematics:** Our Lady of Pity R.C. School is developing the teaching of mathematics locally in co-ordination with the local Maths Hub, led by [St Mary's and St Thomas' School](#) in St Helens. This work is truly shaping the mathematics teaching of the future, with hugely exciting developments including training from Singapore as the nation foremost in the world in accelerated and sustained improvement in mathematics teaching. Completing our School Direct training will result in a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), equating to 60 Masters Credits.

## How do I apply?



Apply through the UCAS website: [www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training)

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## Where can I find more information?



To find out how **School Direct** works in conjunction with **Liverpool John Moores University** please click [here](#).

If you would like to find out more, contact Clare Peers ([cpeers@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:cpeers@ourladyofpity.co.uk)). You are welcome to arrange a visit to our Lead School, see the learning as it happens and speak to current School Direct Associate Teachers.

## Why choose School Direct?



*"I've always wanted to be a teacher from when I was young!*

*I chose the School Direct route because I wanted to be school rather than university based, as I felt I would gain more from that style of training. Our Lady of Pity has a positive atmosphere which you feel as soon as you walk in, even on my interview I felt welcome.*

*I also wanted to access the best training so looked for outstanding schools as I felt they would be better placed to deliver outstanding training."*

Jess

*"The best thing about training through School Direct is the immediate access to practical classroom experience. Working alongside experienced teachers and taking part in all aspects of school life throughout a whole school year provides opportunities for learning that other courses don't provide"*

Emma

*"One of the best things about School Direct for me has been the well-supported teaching placements which I have been able to undertake within a wide range of outstanding settings."*

Kate