



**EYFS / Key Stage 1 Teacher**  
**Brambles Primary Academy**  
**Tees Valley Education Trust**

**Job Ref: BPA037**



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## WELCOME LETTER



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Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying for a position working with Tees Valley Education Teaching School Alliance.

Our Trust and Alliance are on an incredibly exciting journey and we are all committed to nurturing, sharing and encouraging outstanding educational practice. We are determined to be centres of educational excellence, pedagogical innovation, research and development. This is to support our children in their life chances, opportunities and employability, as well as our staff's professional development.

Therefore, if you are successful, you will be supporting the development of a brilliant team with two of the academies, (Brambles and Pennyman) deemed to offer 'outstanding' provision in all areas in their last inspections (Summer 2014) and Dormanstown, which was also graded 'outstanding' in three out of five areas with the other two graded as good (Summer 2015).

All of our staff, regardless of their role, work together to ensure that our children are provided with the best education possible. As a Trust, we are committed to giving our leaders and teachers the time, training, development and challenge in order to fulfil their professional duties and responsibilities.

As a Teaching School Alliance our programme of professional development is really important to us and continues to develop all the time. You will therefore have the opportunity to work alongside outstanding practitioners and leaders of education (NLEs and SLEs), in designing and delivering Inset to a variety of colleagues in and across the Trust.

Yours faithfully

*Katrina Morley*

CEO/Executive Head Teacher

## Teacher (EYFS/KS1)

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**Status:** Permanent

**Required:** 1st September 2017

**Salary:** £22,467 – £38,250 (NQT –UPS3)

**Hours:** Full time

**Reporting to:** Head Teacher

**Academy:** Brambles Primary Academy

Brambles Primary is seeking to appoint an outstanding experienced teacher to work in EYFS/KS1.

As a Teacher at the academy, you will teach children within the primary age range according to their educational needs, planning and preparing classes and lessons, assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils assigned to you. You will contribute and participate in the team working ethos of the academy and maintain the core values of the trust, both inside and outside of the classroom including:

- Planning and delivering the teaching programme for all pupils within the class in relation the National Curriculum 2014 or EYFS framework as appropriate.
- Providing clear structures for lessons and for sequences of lessons, which maintain pace, motivation and challenge.
- Setting tasks which challenge pupils and ensure high levels of interest.
- Setting clear targets, building on prior attainment.
- Setting appropriate and demanding expectations.
- Making effective use of assessment information on pupil's attainment and progress.
- Maintaining good order and discipline in accordance with the academy's procedures.

As Teacher, you will also be required to contribute to the whole academy's planning activities and operate at all times within the academy stated policies and practices.

We are looking for people who have Qualified Teacher Status as well as a Degree or relevant qualification and experience. The successful candidate must have a secure understanding of Assessment for Learning (AfL) as well as the current National frameworks and developments.

In return, we can offer you the opportunity to join a supportive, successful and enthusiastic team, in an academy that was graded as Outstanding by Ofsted, who stated that children in the Early Years Foundation Stage have an exceptional start to their education and 'an excellent start learning to read, write, speak, listen and understand numbers. Children were seen to cooperate with one another and in Key Stage 1 pupils continue to make excellent progress from their starting points'.

Ofsted reported that "Staff and pupils show enormous respect for each other. This ensures a very welcoming, happy and harmonious place. The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. This is because of the very high standards set by all staff.

We have an excellent partnership arrangement with our two sister academies as part of Tees Valley Education Trust. In addition, we are fully committed to your ongoing professional development.

Tees Valley Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All appointments will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

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Applications are invited from prospective candidates who are able to demonstrate that they are able to meet the essential criteria set out in the person specification and who have the vision, values and tenacity to join an outstanding team and help continue the journey towards excellence.

Visits to the academy are strongly encouraged and can be arranged by appointment with the academy office on the following dates: **25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 3.30 p.m.**

Please contact the academy if the dates are not convenient.

Application packs can be printed directly from the Trust or academy websites or requested from the academy office. Unfortunately, we do not accept completed application forms via e-mail. Hand written or electronic printed copies should be posted or hand delivered for the attention of Karen Gleave, Head Teacher, Brambles Primary Academy, Kedward Avenue, Brambles, TS3 9DB.

If you have any queries about the position or the academy and the trust, please do not hesitate to contact the academy direct on 01642 210704 or e-mail [brambles@teesvalleyeducation.co.uk](mailto:brambles@teesvalleyeducation.co.uk)

**Closing Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 12 noon

**Shortlisting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

**Interview:** Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Location:** Brambles Primary Academy

## JOB DESCRIPTION

To carry out the duties of a school teacher as set out in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document. To meet the required standards for Qualified Teacher Status. Having regard to the curriculum of the academy: To teach children within the primary age range according to their educational need. This includes all necessary professional duties of planning, preparing courses and lessons, assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils assigned to you. To contribute and participate in the team working ethos of the academy and maintain the positive ethos and core values of the academy, both inside and outside of the classroom.

## PLANNING, TEACHING AND CLASS MANAGEMENT

Teach allocated pupils by planning their teaching to achieve progression of learning through:

- Planning and delivering the teaching programme for all pupils within the class in relation to PSHE and Citizenship, the National Curriculum and the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education with regard for the academy's aim statement, own policies and schemes of work.
- Providing clear structures for lessons and for sequences of lessons, which maintain pace, motivation and challenge.
- Setting tasks which challenge pupils and ensure high levels of interest.
- Setting appropriate and demanding expectations.
- Plan appropriately to meet the needs of all pupils, through differentiation of tasks.
- Setting clear targets, building on prior attainment.
- Identifying SEND or very able pupils.
- Making effective use of assessment information on pupil's attainment and progress in planning future lessons.
- Ensuring effective teaching and best use of available time.
- Maintaining good order and discipline in accordance with the academy's procedures and encouraging good practice with regard to punctuality, behavior, standards of work and homework.
- Using a variety of teaching methods and learning styles to:
  - Keep all pupils engaged;
  - Match approach to content, structure information, present a set of key ideas and use appropriate vocabulary;
  - Use effective questioning, listen carefully to pupils, give attention to errors and misconceptions.
- Select appropriate learning resources and develop study skills through library, ICT and other sources.
- Evaluate own teaching critically to improve effectiveness.
- Ensure the effective and efficient deployment of classroom support.
- Encourage pupils to think and talk about their learning, develop self-control and independence, concentrate and persevere, and listen attentively.
- Provide a stimulating, organised classroom environment, where resources can be accessed appropriately by all pupils.

## MONITORING, ASSESSMENT, RECORDING, REPORTING

- Assess how well learning objectives have been achieved and use this information to improve specific aspects of teaching.
- Mark and monitor classwork and homework, providing constructive feedback and setting targets for future progress.
- Assess and record pupils' progress systematically and keep records to check work is understood and completed, monitor strengths and weaknesses in order to recognise the level at which the pupil is achieving.
- Undertake assessment of students as requested by examination bodies, departmental and academy procedures.
- Prepare and present informative reports on the development, progress and attainment of pupils to the principal and/or parents as required.

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Contribute to the development of a subject area in the academy.
- Develop plans which identify clear targets and success criteria for excellence in the subject area.
- Contribute to the whole academy's INSET evaluation, monitoring, moderation and planning activities.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Have a working knowledge of teachers' professional duties and legal liabilities.
- Operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the academy.
- Know subject(s) or specialism(s) to enable effective teaching.
- Establish effective working relationships and set a good example through their presentation and personal and professional conduct.
- Endeavour to give every child the opportunity to reach their potential and meet high expectations.
- Contribute positively and effectively to the Every Child Matters agenda.
- Co-operate with other staff to ensure a sharing and effective usage of resources to the benefit of the academy, department and students.
- Take part, as may be required, in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the academy.
- Take part in marketing and liaison activities such as Open Evenings, Parents Evenings, Review days and events with partner academies.
- Contribute to the corporate life of the academy through effective participation in meetings and management systems necessary to coordinate the management of the academy.
- Take responsibility for own professional development and duties in relation to academy policies and practices.
- Liaise effectively with parents, governors and specialists from outside agencies.
- Participate in the performance management system for the appraisal of their own performance, or that of other teachers.
- To set a good example in terms of dress, punctuality and attendance.

The job holder may be required to undertake additional duties as could be reasonably required in exceptional or emergency situations.

The job holder may be required to work flexibly between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

The job holder may be required to work across the academy group.

The job holder may be required to undertake additional training e.g. first aid, Positive Handling.

Experience	A secure understanding of Assessment for Learning (AfL) and the impact on progress.
Qualifications/Training	Degree or relevant qualification and experience. Qualified Teacher Status.
Knowledge/Skills	An understanding of the current National Curriculum / EYFS Framework. A broad understanding of the curriculum and creative opportunities for cross curricular learning. A sound understanding of strategies to support all children's learning. The use of a variety of techniques for assessment for learning in order to impact positively on children's progress. Outstanding organisational skills with the ability to self-direct as well as work successfully within a team. Excellent behaviour management strategies. A commitment to further professional development. Excellent interpersonal skills. Flexible and adaptable. Ability to inspire and motivate all children to learn and reach their full potential. Tenacity, enthusiasm and drive.

**Important:** In the first instance, applications are assessed against the following criteria:

\*overall presentation

\*use of standard English

\*grammatical accuracy

Where applications do not meet the expected standard, they will be discarded before being matched to the person specification.

PERSON SPECIFICATION		
QUALIFICATIONS	AM	E/D
Degree or relevant qualification and experience.	A	E
Qualified Teacher Status.	A	E
Qualifications or experience in pedagogy and child development.	A	D
Experience of skills outside of teaching.	A, I, R	D
Postgraduate qualifications and / or a willingness to undertake them.	A, I	D
Team Teach trained or a willingness to undertake it.	A, I	D
EXPERIENCE		
A secure understanding of Assessment for Learning (AfL) and the impact on progress.	A, I, R	E
Experience of working in EYFS / KS1 with a proven record of impact on progress.	A, I, R	E
Evidence of good teaching and impact on progress of all learners in EYFS / KS1.	A, I, R	E
Outstanding teaching across a variety of age ranges and schools.	A, I, R	D
Experience of training, coaching and mentoring colleagues.	A, I, R	D
Creative skills and talents.	A, I, R	D
KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS		
A sound understanding of the current National Curriculum and assessment for EYFS/ KS1.	A, I	E
A broad understanding of the curriculum and creative opportunities for cross curricular learning.	A, I, R	E
A sound understanding of strategies to support all children's learning.	A, I, R	E
The use of a variety of techniques for assessment for learning in order to impact positively on children's progress.	A, I, R	E
An understanding of and working knowledge of the needs of children with SEND.	A, I, R	D
Outstanding organisational skills with the ability to self-direct as well as work successfully within a team.	A, I, R	E
Excellent behaviour management strategies.	I, R	E
A commitment to further professional development.	A, I	E
The ability to work productively and positively with a range of colleagues both internally and externally.	A, I, R	D
Evidence of continued professional development.	A	D
The willingness to undertake Team Teach training and implement it within school.	A	D
Excellent interpersonal skills.	I, R	E
Flexible and adaptable.	A, I, R	E
Ability to inspire and motivate all children to learn and reach their full potential.	A, I, R	E
Tenacity, enthusiasm and drive.	A, I, R	E
Ability to/willingness to contribute to the whole school context (including INSET).	A, I, R	D

AM (Assessment Method) - A - Application Form, I - Interview, R – Reference

E – Essential

D - Desirable

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Trust, and its academies, are committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of all children. We recognise that some children *may* be especially vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with Special Educational Needs, those living in adverse circumstances.

**The Trust's Child Safeguarding Policy applies to all adults, including volunteers, working in or on behalf of the Trust.**

Whilst local authorities play a lead role, safeguarding children and protecting them from harm is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play.

*Working Together to Safeguard Children DfE 2015*

The Trust pays full regard to DfE guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children DfE 2015'. Anyone who works for the Trust, who is likely to be perceived by children as a safe and trustworthy adult (including volunteers and staff employed by contractors), is subject to appropriate checks in line with current legislation and best practice.

Safer recruitment practice includes scrutinising applicants, verifying identity and academic or vocational qualifications, obtaining professional and character references, checking previous employment history and ensuring that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job. It also includes undertaking interviews and, where appropriate, undertaking checking details with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the Trust's Application Form. Please complete ALL sections of the Application Form which are relevant to you as clearly and fully as possible. CVs will not be accepted.

### **Safeguarding Children & Young People**

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced CRB checks and DBS checks.

Candidates should be aware that all posts in Tees Valley Education involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children and young people, although the extent of that responsibility will vary depending on the nature of the post.

Accordingly, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and, therefore, all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as "spent" must be declared.

If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offence, including those related to children or young people (whether disciplinary sanction is current or time-expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary proceedings. If you are not currently working with children, but have done in the past, that previous employer will be asked about these issues.

Where neither your current or previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will be asked about your suitability to work with children, although it may be answered 'not applicable' if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young people.



## Interview Process

After the closing date, short listing will be conducted by a panel, who will match your skills/experience against the criteria in the Person Specification. You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your form.

As part of the DBS application and as a form of identification, all candidates invited to interview must bring the following documents:

**Route 1** – 3 documents (at least 1 must be from Group 1, the other 2 can be from any group)

**Route 2** – 3 documents (1 from Group 2a and 2 from 2a or 2b, plus External ID check)

*One document must confirm the applicant's date of birth and another confirm the current address. In addition to the above, if you are successful, you will be required to conduct an external ID check (this is an automated process completed online).*

**Route 3** – 5 documents (birth certificate and 4 other documents - 1 from 2a and 3 from Group 2a or 2b)

*One document must confirm the applicant's current address*

Group 1 – Primary Identity Documents	
Current valid passport (UK or overseas)	Biometric Residence Permit (UK)
Current driving licence - photocard & counterpart (where applicable). (UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and EU – full or provisional)	Birth certificate – issued at time of birth (UK, Channel Islands – including those issued by UK authorities overseas)
Adoption Certificate (UK & Channel Islands)	
Group 2a – Trusted Government Documents	
Current driving licence - photocard (UK and overseas)	Current driving licence – paper (UK and EU)
Birth certificate – issued any time after birth (UK & Channel Islands)	Marriage/civil partnership certificate (UK & Channel Islands)
Fire Arms Licence (UK & Channel Islands)	HM Forces ID Card (UK)
Group 2b – Financial & Social history documents	
Mortgage statement (UK or EEA)	P45/60 Statement
Bank/Building Society Statement (UK)	Council Tax statement
Credit Card Statement (UK or EEA)	Work Permit/Visa (UK)
Financial Statement, eg Pension, investments (UK)	Sponsorship letter from employer (outside UK)
Benefit statement, eg child allowance, pension (UK)	Utility Bill
EU National ID card	Cards carrying PASS accreditation logo
Letter from Head Teacher or Principal	
A document from Central/Local Government/Government Agency/Local Authority giving entitlement (UK & Channel Islands), eg from the Department for Work and Pensions, the Employment Service, HMRC, Job Centre, Social Security, etc.	
ID validation must be attempted in order. If you are unable to validate via Route 1, move to Route 2, if unable to validate Route 2, move to Route 3.	

Failure to meet any of the above routes may mean that you will be sent for fingerprinting by the Police which you should be aware is likely to cause delay to the DBS application process and subsequently the recruitment process.

**Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.**

We will seek references for candidates that are shortlisted for interview and may also approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

In addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including:

- Motivation to work with children and young people
- Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
- Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours
- Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline

#### **Conditional Offer: Pre-Employment Checks**

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

- Verification of right to work in the UK
- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received)
- Verification of identity checks and qualifications
- Satisfactory DBS check
- Verification of professional status such e.g. QTS Status, NPQH (where required)
- Satisfactory completion of a Health Assessment
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period (where relevant)
- Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years, such checks and confirmations as may be required in accordance with statutory guidance.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply please complete the Tees Valley Education application form. Your supporting statement should address and evidence the selection criteria detailed in the Person Specification.

#### **Applying:**

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**Closing Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 12 noon

**Shortlisting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

**Interview Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Location:** Brambles Primary Academy

*Please note: Applications sent by email will not be accepted*