

Deputy Headteacher



Employer: Surrey County Council

Location: The Surrey Teaching Centre (located on the site of The Children's Trust, Tadworth, Surrey)

Salary: L8 – L12 (Fringe)

Contract: Permanent

Applications Close: Monday 4th May at 23.59

Shortlisting: Tuesday 5th May

Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 12th May

Start Date: September 1st, 2026

Due to the retirement of a longstanding senior leader at STC, we have an exciting leadership opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable young people affected by an acquired brain injury.

The Surrey Teaching Centre (STC) is a medical pupil referral unit maintained by Surrey situated in the grounds of The Children's Trust neurorehabilitation centre in Tadworth Surrey. STC is proud to have been judged 'Outstanding' in its last inspection by Ofsted. The vast majority of our learners are following a short stay rehabilitation programme within The Children's Trust after sustaining an acquired brain injury as a result of an accident or illness. Generally, they have been admitted from an acute hospital setting. Our learners come from all over the UK, and their rehabilitation programmes vary in length from six weeks to four months. Currently we have up to 24 learners aged from 2-19 on roll at STC at any given time.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic senior leader who can advocate for children and their families during their placement and transition back to school. This role would suit a special/mainstream/hospital education middle or senior leader with a track record of effective leadership and management as well as experience of Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND). This role will include a part time teaching commitment.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff support children and young people to re-engage with learning following an acquired brain injury. Prior knowledge of acquired brain injury is not a prerequisite as training will be provided, but knowledge and/or experience of SEND is essential.

Education is provided as part of the wider neurorehabilitation offer on site, and most teaching is on a 1:1 basis, enabling the teaching team to deliver personalised learning experiences. As a trauma informed school, we would expect candidates to have knowledge of and/or a willingness to learn about trauma informed practices.

We are looking for someone who:

- Will support the Headteacher and team to deliver the strategic vision for the school to continue to thrive.
- Is an innovative leader, committed to working effectively with a dedicated team to deliver an adapted curriculum to reflect pupil's individual needs.
- Has a flexible and compassionate approach to communication and leadership.
- Has knowledge and experience of SEND.
- Is an excellent classroom practitioner.

Our school offers:

- A positive working atmosphere with a small supportive team of dedicated staff and a collaborative multidisciplinary team
- A strong, friendly, and hard-working management committee
- An exceptional and exciting opportunity to work in a unique specialist setting
- An opportunity to work with inspiring and enthusiastic children and young people and their families during a challenging time in their lives

How to Apply

We encourage visitors to the school to see our unique setting in action. Visitors and/or an informal discussion about the role can be arranged with the headteacher, Kristin Hoogland by emailing head@teadworthcourt.surrey.sch.uk

More information about our school can be found by visiting our website at [The Surrey Teaching Centre - Home](#) .

To apply, please download the recruitment pack and application form. Only applications received on the official form will be considered.

Email ndoherty@tadworthcourt.surrey.sch.uk or phone 01737 354006 if you have any queries regarding your application.

Safeguarding Statement:

Any offer of employment to this post will be subject to an enhanced clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service. Online checks will be made for shortlisted applicants. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The school will be seeking references before any offer of employment is made. Surrey is fully committed to achieving fairness and equality in employment and seeks to achieve a workforce which reflects the diversity of the community it serves. No job applicant or employee will be treated less favourably or disadvantaged, either directly or indirectly, on the grounds of gender, gender identity, nationality or ethnic origin, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age or any other unjustifiable reason.