



# JOIN OUR TEAM Recruitment information

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# A WARM WELCOME FROM CEO

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining one of the schools within Wellsway Multi Academy Trust. We are a cross phase Multi Academy Trust (MAT) established in 2014. We have steadily built up our Trust to 13 schools crossing secondary, primary and special sectors. We educate young people from 3 to 19 within our family of schools.

Our aim is to create a group of remarkable schools across Bristol, Keynsham and Bath areas delivering outcomes for learners that will place each school within the top 20% of similar schools nationally for progress made. We are committed to raising aspiration and never accepting second best. We are creating schools with a very distinctive culture and ethos centred on every student enjoying learning and expecting success. We have sought to reflect the culture that we are creating in our schools within our <u>vision and values statement</u>.

We are excited by the potential of our Trust to further improve our schools. The power of schools working in collaborative partnership is the opportunity to share and learn from one another. Our annual conferences are attended by nearly 700 delegates from our teaching, support staff and board members. We share best practice and learn from one another. Benefits of being part of a MAT include wider opportunities for staff and pupils including;

- Greater opportunity for staff development and career progression
- Broader sharing of expertise; improved transition; access to specialist support
- Access to specialist facilities and resources
- Increased economies of scale.

We value our staff highly and want to be the employer of choice in the area. We offer competitive conditions of service and a culture that supports our staff to reach their maximum potential. As a Trust



we are able to offer a comprehensive programme of continuing professional and leadership development (CPLD) opportunities for all staff, cross-phase, and for both teaching and support staff. We also have a strong school improvement team and are delighted to have been designated teaching school status as the <u>Great Western Teaching School Alliance</u>.

Those we recruit need to demonstrate that they share our values. We are looking to appoint people who are highly motivated to work with colleagues within and beyond their academy to pursue professional excellence, with a strong commitment to providing the highest standards of teaching for all children. There is an amazing momentum developing across the Trust and we are already having significant impact in our schools. We are looking to appoint people who share our values and want to develop their career within our Trust and look forward to receiving your application.

Once again, thank you for expressing an interest in joining us and I wish you luck with your application.

# STRATEGIC VISION & VALUES

## Strategic vision

- Wellsway Multi Academy Trust will become a strong local partnership of schools that is cross-phase with a fully inclusive range of provision
- The Trust will build a strong and cohesive identity whilst recognising that each academy within the Trust will have its own unique characteristics
- Collaboration and joint working will ensure that all academies in the Trust can share in, and benefit from, each other's strengths



## Our values

- **Professionalism:** The Trust expects each academy to expect and uphold the highest professional standards in all aspects of its work
- **Education:** The Trust's primary purpose is education and priority will be given to allocating resources into the classroom and learning activities
- **Inclusion:** The Trust places inclusion at the heart of all its provision and seeks to develop a range of inclusive services to support learners with specific needs
- **Economic:** Gaining value for money is central to the Trust's operation and directors actively seek opportunities to develop joint educational provision and shared services across schools
- **Strategic:** The directors seek to develop a multi academy trust of optimum size, with economies of scale that create the capacity for the Trust to provide excellent support to all its schools, whilst retaining its local nature
- **Geographic:** Schools within the Trust will be located within a reasonable driving distance of the hub school, Wellsway, so that school-to-school support is possible
- **Moral:** Wellsway Multi Academy Trust has been established to support education within the wider local area.

# SCHOOLS

## Primary

















Wansdyke Primary School

## Secondary



BEDMINSTER DOWN







## **Special**



## Teaching school



For more information about Wellsway Multi Academy Trust see: wellswaymat.com

# STAFF BENEFITS & WELLBEING



As a member of the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust team, you will be part of a very positive and highly skilled community, and would be joining at a really exciting time in the Trusts journey. We believe staff are our most important resource and are valued, supported and encouraged to develop personally and professionally throughout their career. The Trust is committed to its duties as an employer and places high importance on staff wellbeing offering a range of benefits to staff these include:

#### HEALTHCARE CASH PLAN

You'll be automatically enrolled into a tailored Cashplan. This includes cash back on dental, optical, prescriptions, chiropody, physiotherapy and much more. Add your partner and increase your level of cover to maximise your benefits.

#### FREE FLU JABS

Take advantage of a free flu vaccination up to the value of £10.

#### FREE EYE CHECK

Annual eye check and contribution of up to £60 towards glasses.

#### COUNSELLING SUPPORT

Colleagues also have access to counselling either face-to-face (up to six sessions) or telephone sessions as appropriate.

#### COLLEAGUE ASSISTANCE HELPLINE

Provides colleagues and their families with free confidential support and legal advice. Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

#### COLLEAGUE DISCOUNTS ON TOP BRANDS

Multiple discounts, reloadable cards, cash back and instant voucher options available across high street retailers, most supermarkets, restaurants, days out and travel companies as well as discounted gym memberships andmuch more.



#### DISCOUNTED SPORT & GYM MEMBERSHIP

All Trust colleagues can benefit from a huge discount at Trust School Sports Centres and receive exclusive rates.

#### PENSION

If eligible you will be automatically enrolled into the relevant scheme - either the Teachers' Pension Scheme, Local Government Scheme or NEST pension scheme.

#### CYCLE SCHEME

You can purchase a bike and/or cycling equipment up to the value of £3000 and save at least 25%. The repayments are interest free and made over 12 months via salary sacrifice which attracts tax and NI savings. The scheme is limited to no more than 10% of your monthly gross salary.

#### TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

WMAT are committed to delivering high quality and effective professional and leadership development opportunities available to all staff via our annual professional development brochure.

#### CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

Tax free childcare Government backed scheme which gives eligible families 20% off childcare costs and can be used for afterschool clubs and nurseries. To find out if you are eligible and apply check out the <u>Get Tax-Free Childcare website</u>

#### DON'T FORGET

All colleagues can access the 'MyBenefits' platform – a one stop shop for all staff benefits and wellbeing support.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

All vacancies are advertised on individual school websites and the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust careers page.

Please complete the application form providing full details of your education and employment history, including any unpaid or voluntary work. Where there are gaps in your employment, please state the reasons why (e.g. gap year, career break, unemployed etc).

You can use the job description and person specification as your guide and give specific examples, where possible, to demonstrate how your skills and experience match the requirements for this post. Could you please provide details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer. Please provide their names, work email addresses and daytime contact numbers.

Once the form has been completed please sign the declaration on the final page. If you are submitting your application electronically, you can sign this page at the interview stage.

Completed applications should be submitted by email if possible, to the address specified on the final page of the application form.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept CVs. If you have a disability that prevents you from completing the application form, please contact the school to discuss.

### Closing date and shortlisting

Applications received after the published closing date and time will not be accepted. After this time short listing 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 and covering letter of application, so please read the job description and person specification carefully before completing your form. If you have not been contacted within one month of the closing date, please assume you have not been shortlisted. In this case, may we thank you in advance for your interest in this post and wish you the very best for the future.

We encourage you to browse our websites as it will give you an insight into the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust and its schools and would warmly welcome you to visit our schools. If you would like to take advantage of a tour, please contact the relevant school office to arrange a visit.

### Contact us

If you have a query about the job you are applying for then please use the relevant contacts below.

Aspire Academy	recruitment@wellswaymat.com
Bedminster Down School	karen.dursley@bedminsterdown.com
Chandag Infant School	enquiries@chandaginfantschool.org.uk
Chandag Junior School	enquiries@chandagjuniorschool.org.uk
Cheddar Grove Primary School	office@cheddargrove.com
IKB Academy	recruitment@wellswaymat.com
The Meadows Primary School	enquiries@themeadowsprimaryschool.org.uk
St John's Primary School	enquiries@stjohnskeynsham.co.uk
Saltford Primary School	<u>contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk</u>
Sir Bernard Lovell Academy	sblovell@sblonline.org.uk
Two Rivers CofE Primary	enquiries@tworiversschool.org.uk
Wansdyke Primary School	office@wansdykeprimary.com
Wellsway School	recruitment@wellswaymat.com
Wellsway Multi Academy Trust	recruitment@wellswaymat.com

# SAFEGUARDING

Wellsway Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Your suitability to work with children and young people will form part of the selection process. During interview the panel will explore issues relating to safeguarding and the promotion of child welfare with you.

Prior to appointment Wellsway Multi Academy Trust will apply for a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring check, a Children's Barred list check.

Posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. All convictions, cautions and bindovers, including those regarding as 'spent' must be declared when applying: Exception being certain, minor cautions and convictions which are 'protected' for the purposes of the 'Exceptions' order. For more information please see the <u>DBS filtering guidance</u>.

Safer recruitment practice also includes the following checks; verifying original forms of identity, academic, professional and vocational qualifications, prohibition checks in relation to the children's workforce for teachers, a minimum of two satisfactory references, previous employment history checks, gaps in employment and health and physical capacity checks. In some settings a Declaration will be required in order to meet our obligations under the 'Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006. We also require original identification of right to work in the UK. In all instances, original and valid documents will be required. We are unable to accept photocopies.

Please note that a delay in submitting the required documentation to allow the checks to take place may result in a delay in your start date.





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