

Primary Curriculum Advisor

Reports to: Director of Curriculum

Location: Flexible, with some travel and overnight stays required. PKC is based in West London and regular attendance will be required. The work can be carried out remotely from anywhere in the UK. We are particularly keen to hear from candidates based in Midlands, and the North of England, although candidates should not be deterred by this.

Start date: September 2022 (January 2023 will be considered for a suitable candidate)

Contract: Permanent

Pattern: Full-time or part-time considered (flexible working offered)

Salary: £40,000 - £50,000+ (depending on experience)

About the role:

The curriculum advisor will join our expert and dedicated Primary Knowledge Curriculum team, working alongside leaders and teachers in our five primary schools, as well as supporting schools nationwide through our Primary Knowledge Curriculum Partnership. The purpose of this role is to support teachers and leaders to successfully embed a well-sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum in their own schools. Through the PKC Partnership, we not only provide well-sequenced, knowledge -rich curriculum materials, but also up-to-date, research-based professional development and advice.

As a curriculum advisor, you will work collaboratively with the team to write and deliver high quality professional development, provide advice and guidance to our trust primaries and partner schools to improve teaching and learning, and to write and edit curriculum materials and resources.

About the Primary Knowledge Curriculum:

The Primary Knowledge Curriculum (PKC) places “powerful knowledge” at the heart of learning, empowering children to acquire knowledge that takes them beyond their lived experiences. Through a deep respect of the traditions of each unique subject, the PKC recognises the identity of the disciplines that are studied. Our vision, and intent, was to create a specified, well-sequenced, and ambitious curriculum for all children. We are dedicated to diversity and always work to ensure children see themselves in their curriculum journey, through the people they encounter, the stories they hear and the places they study.

The Primary Knowledge Curriculum Partnership is a network of primary schools dedicated to the delivery of a knowledge-rich curriculum. By joining the Partnership, schools become part of a community of like-minded teachers, who collaborate to enrich pupils’ lives through providing them with a well-sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum.

The aims of the PKC Partnership are to:

- Support schools to embed a coherent, well-sequenced knowledge-rich curriculum
- Create a network of like-minded schools
- Provide high-quality professional development to school leaders and teachers
- Reduce teacher workload

Find out more about the Primary Knowledge Curriculum here:

<https://www.primaryknowledgecurriculum.org/>

About the Knowledge Schools Trust

Since 2013, the Knowledge Schools Trust has placed a knowledge-rich curriculum at the heart of its primary schools, driving academic excellence and the desire to succeed for all children, regardless of background. Through the development of the Primary Knowledge Curriculum, the Knowledge Schools Trust aims to help promote and support the development of schools and trusts who share the same vision. The Trust funds ongoing curriculum work led by education experts and subject specialists to develop and share the best knowledge-rich materials and professional development with schools across the country.

Find out more about the Knowledge Schools Trust here: <https://www.knowledgeschoolstrust.org/>

Key responsibilities:

- Support the Director of Curriculum with the development of the PKC Partnership professional development programme, including writing training and developing resources
- Lead effective professional development to leaders and teachers nationally, including online training, webinars and in-person training
- Provide consultancy support to partner schools following the Primary Knowledge Curriculum, including supporting leadership teams with monitoring the effectiveness of the curriculum through 'Curriculum Reviews'
- Undertake research around curriculum design and effective teaching, and share information with colleagues
- Work collaboratively with the PKC team to write and edit curriculum materials, including lesson plans, assessment documents and other resources
- Communicate with new and existing partner schools to advise them on our curriculum offer and support services
- Visit and provide guidance to the Knowledge Schools Trust primaries to support schools with embedding and delivering the Primary Knowledge Curriculum effectively to all pupils
- Speak at events and conferences promoting a knowledge-rich approach and the work of the Knowledge Schools Trust/Primary Knowledge Curriculum

Person Specification: Primary Curriculum Advisor

	Essential/Desirable
Qualifications	
Qualified to a degree level or above	E
Qualified to teach in the UK	E
Further relevant professional qualification	D
Knowledge and Skills	
Knowledge of the National Curriculum for England	E
In-depth knowledge of effective curriculum design	E
Understanding of effective primary assessment	E
Knowledge of effective leadership	E
Knowledge of effective teaching practices, including explicit instruction	E
Understanding of the Ofsted framework	E
Excellent communication and presentation skills	E
Self-motivated and able to manage your time effectively	E
Excellent classroom practice and a track record of raising standards	E
Ability to prioritise and work under pressure	E
Excellent organisational skills	E
An ability to motivate others	E
Excellent writing skills	E
Able to work in a professional manner as part of a team	E
Experience	
Senior Curriculum Leadership in one or more schools	D

Subject leadership across one or more schools	E
Middle or senior leadership experience	E
Teaching a knowledge-rich curriculum	E
Developing curriculum materials, including lesson plans and assessment materials	E
Writing and leading training to teachers and leaders	E
Coaching and mentoring teachers	E
Teaching the Primary Knowledge Curriculum	D
Working collaboratively as part of a MAT, federation, or network of schools	D
Leading support/consultancy in schools	D
Values	
Committed to ensuring all children receive an ambitious, knowledge-rich curriculum, regardless of background	E
A desire to improve the quality of education provided to children nationally	E
Dedicated to creating a primary curriculum that champions diversity and inclusion	E
Genuine passion for education research and your own CPD	E
Committed to promoting the values of the Knowledge Schools Trust	E
Other	
Commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all students	E
Right to work in the UK	E
Commitment to equality of opportunity	E
Willingness to travel and stay overnight when required	E
A flexible approach to working hours	E
Ability to work from home, with access to the internet	E
Use of a car and current driving licence	D

Application Process:

Please apply by completing the application form and returning this with a covering letter (maximum 2 sides of A4) for the attention of Alex Pethick and send to pkc@ks-t.org

Closing date for applications: 3rd June 2022

We are eager to find the right person; therefore, interviews will be arranged on receipt of successful application.

Interviews: We reserve the right to close the advert once the successful applicant has been found. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. You will be asked to sign a declaration form if short listed for interview.

The Knowledge Schools Trust are fully committed to the principles of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion. We want to attract and retain the very best staff in all areas of the Trust, ensuring our staff body reflects the diversity of our students and local community.