Teacher

# Recruitment Pack



Nurturing inclusive learning communities



#### **CEO WELCOME**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this vital new post of Teacher at Ethos Academy Trust. We hope that the information contained within this pack provides sufficient information and helps you to decide if you have the right qualities, skills and experience to apply for this position.

The overarching aim of Ethos Academy Trust is to create academies that provide environments that are welcoming, caring, calm, safe and purposeful and that, within a nurturing ethos, stretch our learners academically, support them pastorally and develop them socially and emotionally.

We seek to explore and celebrate the qualities that make our pupils unique. We believe passionately that education, at every stage of the pupil journey, is about the development and nurture of the whole child. We aspire for all our pupils to become confident, happy and caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of learning and of life.

We currently have four academies (Ethos College, Reach Academy, Evolve Academy and Engage Academy) and we have high aspirations for future growth. In addition to the academies, the Trust provides wide ranging early intervention outreach support and training to mainstream schools, alongside managing the statutory exclusions process on behalf of Kirklees Local Authority.

Thank you for your interest in Ethos Academy Trust.

Jayne Foster

Jayne Foster CEO, Ethos Academy Trust



### HEADTEACHER WELCOME

Dear Applicant,

Reach Academy is a well-established Alternative Provision in Kirklees, specialising in supporting Key Stage 3 pupils with wide-ranging Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

At Reach Academy, we believe that all pupils deserve the opportunity to be supported to re-engage with learning and school life. We achieve this within a stimulating, safe and welcoming environment, where the curriculum is personalised to meet the differing needs and interests of all our pupils. Our staff pride themselves on offering a nurture-based approach and a high quality educational provision that supports pupils to achieve positive outcomes and become ready to move onto further success in their next educational setting.

We are committed to ensuring that our staff are fully equipped to deliver a personalised, aspirational offer that meets the needs of all pupils. We therefore have a comprehensive staff training programme to enable our team to continue to develop their knowledge, skills and practice, with a high focus on supporting all aspects of SEMH needs.

Thank you for your interest in working at Reach Academy. Visits to the school are always welcome, so please do not hesitate to contact the main office for further information.

H. Lord

Hannah Lord Head Teacher, Reach Academy

## TRUST MISSION

Our vision at Ethos Academy Trust is to create **nurturing inclusive learning communities.** 

To enable us to achieve this, our mission is that Ethos Academy Trust will draw upon the expertise of our specialist staff and wider partners to provide timely, personalised support, intervention and provision in order to maximise the life chances of all children and young people, informed by a thorough understanding of their strengths and needs.



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**Ethos College** provides long term full time education places for Key Stage 4 pupils (ages 14 to 16) with wide ranging Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Additional 1:1 teaching is also available for a small number of pupils across Key Stages 1 to 4 who are referred with medical needs or for those whose needs are more complex.

Our mission at Ethos College is to create a secure and stimulating learning environment in which all students are valued and respected, their learning is promoted and their strengths are nurtured. Our focus is to prepare young people for transition to post-16 education, employment or training.

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**Reach Academy** is a well-established school for children in Key Stage 3 (ages 11 to 14) with Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Some have been permanently excluded from Kirklees secondary schools. A high proportion of children make a successful return to their local or another mainstream school following their time at Reach Academy, while some progress to special school provision in order that their long term needs can be met.

We are committed to improving the life chances of pupils by removing barriers to engagement and achievement. Our aim is to create a secure and inspiring environment where every child is empowered to take ownership of their learning and their futures.

**Engage Academy** is a school for primary aged children in EYFS 2 and Key Stages 1 and 2 (ages 4-11) who are at risk of permanent exclusion and / or are permanently excluded from a mainstream school. A high percentage of our children have Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs along with undiagnosed complex needs. All pupils are assessed whilst with us and the majority receive an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) prior to going to their next school ensuring their needs are met in the future.

We offer a nurturing, safe, inclusive and friendly environment where the building of trusting relationships is paramount. We have a broad, creative curriculum that enables all pupils, regardless of need, to achieve their potential and thrive in their new schools.

**Evolve Academy** is a KS2 and KS3 school that supports students with wide-ranging Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. We currently have two school bases: one in Wakefield and the other in Castleford. Some of our students have been permanently excluded from Wakefield primary or secondary schools. We also work in partnership with Wakefield mainstream schools to offer a 12-week placement for students who may require short-term step-out provision before returning to their mainstream school.

Our aim is to provide a supportive and nurturing environment that will enthuse and engage students in education. We strive to ensure that our students have clear pathways to their next educational setting, supporting schools to ensure that that their varying long-term needs can be effectively met, whether this is in a mainstream or more specialised school environment. Our long-term aim is for students to be empowered to develop into responsible citizens beyond their school years.

**Outreach** Teaching and support staff within Ethos Academy Trust provide Outreach Services in Kirklees, supporting and working in partnership with mainstream primary and secondary schools. Our team members also work effectively with wider partners, including health & social care, to ensure early identification and ongoing assessment and timely support for children and young people with wide-ranging social, emotional and mental health needs. Experienced teachers offer advice to schools through our Outreach Advice portal and through Single Point Referral.

The Outreach Team also provides transition support through experienced Inclusion Workers for children who have been permanently excluded from school and children with Education, Health and Care Plans who require a bespoke transition into a new setting. The support for our children, young people and families is part of Ethos Academy Trust's continuum of SEMH provision.









#### WHY WORK FOR THE TRUST?

Ethos Academy Trust is based in West Yorkshire, with all of our Academies in close proximity to one another and in easy reach of main motorways and the cities and towns of Leeds, Wakefield, Huddersfield and Bradford. The proximity of our Academies is such that it lends itself to close and collaborative working.

At Ethos Academy Trust, we are committed to providing a top-class education and we put the needs of all of the young people within our community at the heart of what we do. Our staff are pivotal in this and also in recognising, achieving and bringing to life our vision and values.

As such, we are committed to providing our staff with high quality professional development which can be evidenced through a variety of channels. We have numerous examples of staff who have developed and progressed their careers with the Trust. We fully embrace the fact that if we invest in our staff and their futures, we will create an environment where staff are happy, inspired and ambitious, which in turn means that they are able to create positive, engaging and life changing learning experiences for young people.

Ethos Academy Trust is fully committed to supporting and enhancing the wellbeing and mental health of all stakeholders. Across the Trust there are regular opportunities for staff to come together outside of their normal working day in a social or other activity capacity.

As an employer, we are able to provide the following benefits to all members of staff:

- The Trust maintains nationally agreed terms and conditions in relation to pay and conditions for teaching and support staff, and continues to subscribe to local holiday patterns and allowances within the local authority of each academy.
- All employees have the opportunity to access a pension scheme.
- All employees have access to Healthline which includes 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme and services such as physio and counselling for employees and their dependants
- An opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across academies and within the central Trust teams, with other academies and Multi Academy Trusts on a local or regional basis.
- Structured and informal opportunities to develop skills and opportunity to progress, share best practice (locally and nationally).
- Access to employee salary sacrifice schemes such as Cyclescheme, Techscheme and discounted gift cards.

I started working for Ethos College around eight years ago, as a grade 7 Inclusion Worker. It was an immensely enjoyable and rewarding position. I loved the fact that I could support the social and emotional development of young people and have the ability to make a huge impact on their lives. I was inspired by our talented team and decided to combine my passion for science and education to train to become a qualified teacher. Ethos College supported me all the way and when a position became available, I applied and was so proud to take up the post of science teacher. Since then I have not looked back!! I am now working in a leadership position, helping to develop our offer to young people educated around the local authority. Working at Ethos College and being a part of the transformation of the lives of our young people is an absolute privilege.

EMMA GANNON, TEACHER



I was inspired to pursue a career with children who have SEMH needs through my experience of teaching music as an unqualified Teacher. I joined the Trust eleven years ago as an Inclusion Worker and was subsequently promoted to Senior Inclusion Worker, before being supported to secure a teaching qualification and, most recently, training to become a SENDCo. I am currently the Deputy SENDCo for Reach Academy. The Trust and management team within Reach Academy not only supported my ambition to become a fully qualified Teacher, they continue to offer opportunities for my ongoing personal and professional development.

SARAH SIMMONDS, DEPUTY SENDCO - REACH ACADEMY



During my 6 years of employment within Ethos Academy Trust, I have been supported to access a number of professional development opportunities. I gained my PGCE over a 2-year period and, after securing a teaching role two years ago, I am now a middle leader within Ethos College and currently undertaking the NPQSL, in order to further enhance my leadership skills, undertstanding and practice

The Trust is committed to providing relevant and meaningful professional development opportunities to support the career progression of the staff team. I have always felt highly valued and supported by the Trust in everything that I do. It is an absolute privilege to work for a Trust that is so invested in supporting its staff to be the best that they can be and help to transform the lives of so many young people.

JACK GHEE, TEACHER - ETHOS COLLEGE



### ADVERT FOR TEACHER

Location: Reach Academy, Batley Salary: £25,714 - £36,961 / £38,690 - £41,604 plus SEN £2,270 - £4,479 Grade: MPS/UPS + 1/2 SEN points depending on experience Hours: Full Time, permanent

#### About Ethos Academy Trust

Ethos Academy Trust is located within Kirklees and Wakefield, West Yorkshire. The overarching aim of the Trust is to create academies that provide environments that are welcoming, caring, calm, safe and purposeful and that, within a nurturing ethos, stretch our learners academically, support them pastorally and develop them socially and emotionally.

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In addition to our four academies (Ethos College, Reach Academy, Engage Academy and Evolve Academy), the Trust provides wide ranging early intervention outreach support and training to mainstream schools, alongside managing the statutory exclusions process on behalf of Kirklees and Wakefield Local Authorities.

#### Applicants

This is an exciting opportunity to join Ethos Academy Trust, where we aim to deliver the very best educational experiences for pupils from across the primary and secondary age range. Our academies are welcoming, calm and purposeful and, within a nurturing ethos, our learners are stretched academically, supported pastorally and developed socially and emotionally.

We are committed to ensuring that our staff are fully equipped to deliver a personalised, aspirational offer that meets the needs of all pupils. We therefore have a comprehensive staff training programme to enable our team to continue to develop their knowledge, skills and practice, with a high focus on supporting all aspects of SEMH needs.

We are looking to appoint an inspirational Teacher with experience of teaching in KS3 and/or Upper KS2 within a mainstream setting or an SEMH/SEND setting. As we are currently looking to further develop our curriculum offer, applications will be considered from teachers with experience of any subject area.

The role will be to successfully motivate, inspire and engage vulnerable children and their families, reengaging pupils with their learning. Primarily, you will be the group lead for a small group of pupils, liaising with inclusion staff and our SEND team to ensure pupils needs are fully identified, evidenced and supported, alongside teaching at least one curriculum subject. You will be required to work collaboratively and in partnership with parents and carers, as well as liaising with other professionals in order to achieve the very best outcomes for the pupils.

You can apply for the vacancy at <a href="https://www.eat.uk.com/recruitment-portal/current-opportunities/">https://www.eat.uk.com/recruitment-portal/current-opportunities/</a>

Closing date: 12 noon, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 Interview date: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Visits to the academy are encouraged. If you have any questions about the role or would like to arrange a visit please contact Hannah Lord via the main office on 01924 478482 or email <u>reachoffice@eat.uk.com</u>.

## JOB DESCRIPTION TEACHER

Job title	Teacher	
Location	Reach Academy, Batley	
Hours	Full time	
Reports to	Head Teacher	
Staff responsible for	Inclusion staff within the group	
Closing Date	12 noon, Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	
Salary/Grade	£25,714 - £36,961 / £38,690 - £41,604 plus SEN £2,270 - £4,479 depending on experience, full time, permanent	
Job Purpose	We are looking to appoint a teacher to join our passionate and hardworking team, responsible for the planning and delivery of at least one curriculum subject ensuring gaps in knowledge are addressed to enable them to make rapid progress towards their academic and SEMH targets.	
	The successful candidate will assume the role as group lead for a small group of pupils, liaising with inclusion staff and our SEND team to ensure pupils needs are fully identified, evidenced and supported.	

## **KEY OBJECTIVES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES**

#### **Key Outcomes**

- Plan and implement an ambitious, personalised curriculum, for individuals and groups of pupils to re-engage them in learning, supporting individual learning pathways in response to SEMH needs and ensuring high quality outcomes.
- Effectively implement tracking and assessment processes to monitor, report and evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum and its impact on pupil progress.
- Provide a stimulating, educational environment for specific groups of pupils with a range of needs.
- Have responsibility for reporting pupil progress to schools, parents and agencies, through home reports, placement reports, SEN reports/plans and reintegration reports.
- Set individual targets (academic and personal/social), review and report on progress for all pupils.
- Use Boxall profiles (and other SEMH tools) to provide a clear assessment of pupils' SEMH development needs and track their progress towards set targets.
- Liaise with colleagues to ensure high quality provision is delivered and best practice is shared across the Trust.
- Develop a positive ethos that ensures a calm environment through the effective implementation of the school's communication and behaviour policy.
- Support pupils and staff in mainstream schools where necessary.
- Attend meetings as required by the Head Teacher.
- Advise schools with regard to the SEN Code of Practice where required.
- Contribute to the maintenance of up-to date records within the Trust.
- Support pupils and their parents/carers in enabling them to make the most of the educational opportunities offered by the Trust.
- Contribute towards curriculum development and differentiation across the school
- Liaise with other agencies when appropriate i.e. Social Services, Educational Psychology, the Virtual School, CAHMS, SENDACT etc.
- Hold a full and current driving licence.

#### **Main Duties**

- Keep abreast of developments in all areas of the National Curriculum, Special Educational Needs and teaching and learning.
- Participate in continuing professional development (CPD) and performance management in line with Trust policy and practice.
- Carry out any other duties, appropriate to the level reasonably expected of a teacher paid an equivalent SEN allowance, relating to the efficient organisation of the service.
- Take reasonable care of the health and safety of self, other persons and resources whilst at work.
- Co-operate with management of the Trust as far as is necessary to enable the responsibilities placed up on the Trust under Health and Safety at Work to be performed e.g. operate safe working practices.
- Carry out professional duties of a teacher outlined in the most recent Teacher's Pay and Conditions document, including Teachers Professional Standards, as directed by the Head Teacher.
- Research, prepare and select teaching resources that meet the diversity of pupils' needs and interests.
- Effectively use Information Communication Technology (ICT) to enhance learning activities and increase pupils' competence and confidence.
- Adhere to the Trust's policies and ensure they are applied consistently.

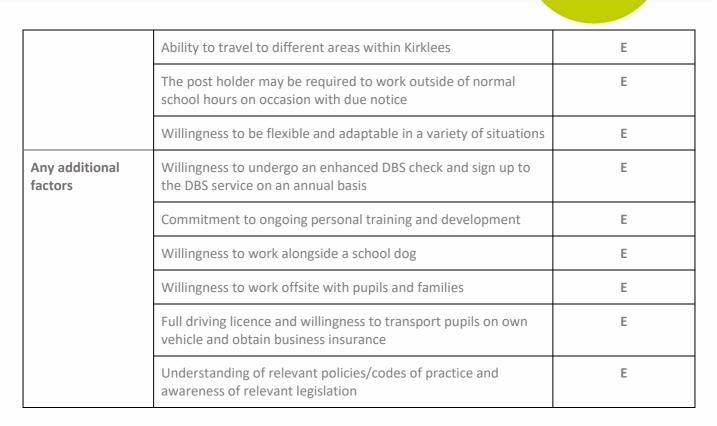


#### General

- Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all.
- Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the Trust.
- Attend meetings within the Trust, at its academies and external events as required.
- Share expertise and skills with others.
- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Work effectively and professionally with all stakeholders, promoting the Trust positively at all times.
- Recognise own strengths and areas of expertise and use these to advise and support colleagues.
- Maintain confidentiality always in respect of school-related matters and to prevent disclosure of confidential and sensitive information.
- Ensure strict confidentiality in all areas of work.
- All employees are required to uphold the values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and tolerance and have mutual respect for those with different faiths and beliefs (Prevent).
- Work and process personal and sensitive information in accordance with Data Protection Act 2018 including the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018.
- Understand and comply with the statutory guidance regarding safeguarding of children, ensuring the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare at all times, reporting any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately.

## PERSON SPECIFICATION TEACHER

	Key Criteria	Essential (E) / Desirable (D)
Knowledge, Education and Training	Hold qualified teacher status	E
	Have evidence of recent, relevant CPD	E
	Willingness to lead CPD sessions for staff	E
	Evidence of nationally recognised nurture-based training/qualifications	D
	Evidence of nationally recognised qualifications for leading outdoor education/activities	D
Relevant Experience	Evident understanding and application of quality first teaching	E
	A proven track record of raising attainment and relevant strategies	E
	Experience of managing and using pupil attainment and tracking data	E
	Experience of working with pupils with social, emotional and mental health difficulties either in mainstream or special schools	E
	Experience of nurturing principles and how they can be applied to develop and deliver outstanding practice within a nurture- based setting	D
	Experience of initiating and implementing strategies to improve parental involvement in their children's learning	D
	Experience of liaison and co-operation with other professional agencies.	D
	Experience of motivating hard to reach learners	D
Aptitudes, skills and competencies	Have good communication skills and a positive outlook	E
	Ability to develop and maintain effective professional relationships with all members of the school community and outside agencies	E
	Emotional resilience in working with pupils with exhibit challenging behaviour	E
	Be able to work under pressure and prioritise to meet deadlines	E



#### Safeguarding statement

Ethos Academy 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 an Enhanced DBS check (including Children's Barred List) and past employment references.

Applicants are required, before appointment to disclose any conviction, caution or binding over including 'spent convictions' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975.

#### Equality and Diversity statement

Ethos Academy Trust treats all applicants for employment in the same way regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

#### **Disability statement**

Ethos Academy Trust is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for people with disabilities. We continue to review our processes and procedures to ensure individuals with disabilities receive full and fair consideration for all types of vacancies at the recruitment stage and during their employment.

Individuals who apply to the Trust for employment will receive fair treatment and be considered solely on their ability to do the job. Where required reasonable adjustments will be applied. During employment the Trust, wherever possible, will retain the services of an employee who is or has become disabled.

#### GDPR

A copy of our Privacy Notice is available via our website.

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