

# Tove Learning Trust

## IT and Communications Strategy Lead



**37 hrs a week, 52 weeks per year**  
**Salary Grade L-M, points 37-47 commensurate with experience**  
**£45,441 to £55,826 (fte)**

We have an exciting and unique opportunity for an ambitious and self-motivated individual who is forward thinking, a proven strategist with a positive, resourceful attitude.

The trust currently consists of fourteen academies across Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire and the West Midlands following a period of rapid growth. Each school that has joined has a different IT system and way of working. This role will take the strategic lead on the direction and management of the IT provision, connectivity, IT service delivery and communications across the Trust. Working closely with the Head of IT the aim is to maximise efficiency and performance, achieving best value and aligning the systems within a cloud based environment in order to ensure the best user experience possible. Significant planning has already been undertaken to arrive at a unified solution, now is the time to strategically and successfully manage its implementation.

The successful candidate will:

- have a proven record of strategic planning and implementation
- demonstrate a willingness and the ability to support colleagues across all schools within the trust
- be passionate about success and dedicated to improving and developing the IT infrastructure across the trust
- provide robust financial management information to the CEO and CFO
- work closely with the CEO to ensure clarity and transparency on all key decisions and operations
- evaluate and monitor the IT Strategic plan
- enforce IT policies and systems
- promote innovation and new technologies
- oversee and expand the IT opportunities underpinning future growth strategies
- have high expectations and sound business judgement demonstrating a flair for budget management
- have an detailed understanding of network security, data protection, procurement and compliance protocols

This is a new role to the Trust and will include some flexibility over location and working patterns to ensure all schools are supported.

Training and development opportunities will be offered. All staff are encouraged to study further, and the trust will actively support staff to obtain relevant further qualifications where possible.

Candidates must be eligible to live and work in the UK and hold a current driver's licence.

Tove Learning Trust is a rapidly growing multi academy trust with 14 schools. The Trust schools have a shared vision and purpose: to deliver outstanding educational experiences that lead to inspiring outcomes. Each academy has a strong individual identity and tailors their educational provision to serve their local community.

### How to apply

All documents including the full job description, person specification and application form are available on our website <https://www.tovelearning.org.uk/vacancies/current-vacancies>. Please ensure your application form and covering letter includes examples of your experience and how you meet the criteria outlined in the job description and person specification. Further information requests or completed applications should be sent to E: [scarter@tovelearning.org.uk](mailto:scarter@tovelearning.org.uk) T: 02476 589030

**Closing date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 9.00 a.m.**

**Interviews: week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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