

Learners First School Direct NewsLetter

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School Direct

What is School Direct training?

School Direct is an ever increasingly popular alternative route into teaching which is more school-based and school-led than a traditional one year PGCE. 80% of the programme is spent in at least 2 schools training, teaching and observing lessons and best practice. The remaining 20% is spent at our partner HEI studying for the PGCE element of the programme. The school based part of the programme is bespoke to the individual.

The new recruitment cycle has opened for applications for September 2023 start.

Further information on school based training can be found on the next page.

FIND

The DfE FIND page has opened to search for courses for the 23/24 academic year. You can explore our courses using the QR code on the following page and typing in the provider code 1GX

APPLY

To apply for our training courses this is through the DfE APPLY system. Follow the QR code on the following page to start your teacher training application.

Events

Learners First attend numerous events throughout the year, check out our twitter feed for our events.

We also facilitate 1:1 calls to discuss the best route of training, click the QR code on the following page to submit a request.

School Direct training with Learners First

Learners First is an inclusive teaching school partnership of over 200 schools from all phases. The School Direct programme has been developed over a number of years. The programme is a school based approach which allows you to be immersed in the programme from the start, fully preparing you for life as a full-time teacher. It is led and delivered by experienced practicing professionals who work in high-performing schools. You will have access to an experienced mentor and further support from outstanding teachers, who focus on ensuring that you develop your knowledge, skills and professional attributes. You will also receive a different experience in a second placement school with an opportunity to experience another key stage. In partnership with our partner HEIs we provide a powerful, bespoke experience to launch your teaching career. We work to ensure that all our trainees have the potential to be outstanding at the end of the programme.

We provide a programme of academic learning and training. You will cover all aspects of education and pedagogy in your training. This is supported by professional development in areas such as managing behaviour, how to prepare, plan and structure lessons, questioning techniques, demonstrating progress and co-operative learning strategies. This is also a fantastic opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues, share good practice and engage in peer coaching. As well as securing your QTS, you will achieve a PGCE with credits towards a Masters qualification. Excellent support, every step of the way. From providing advice about funding, to a comprehensive induction process, you will be guided from application to employment. A key part of our programme is helping you to understand how you can achieve a work-life balance, setting you up to be a successful – and healthy – member of a school team.

Minimum course requirements

A degree at 2:2 or above

GCSEs in Maths and English at grade C (4) or above.

For Primary trainees you will also need science at grade C or above.

Fees and Funding

The Department for Education (DfE) offer a tax-free bursary for ITT. This is dependent on your degree classification and subject you wish to train in.

Financial support for trainee teachers has never been better. You could get £24,000 tax-free while you train, either as a bursary or prestigious scholarship – or you could earn a salary of up to £19,340 while you train on a School Direct (salaried or apprenticeship) course.

For further details please [click here](#).

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