

Eligibility

There are some basic eligibility requirements needed to meet to become a qualified primary school teacher in England:

- Honours degree
- GCSE grade 4+ / C+ in English and Maths
- Science GCSE
- Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check

Graduates seeking a place on a PGCE course apply through <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>:

- Course Code 3-7 3DW4
- Course Code 5-11 3B28

Our cluster particularly values applications from potential teachers with relevant work with children.

The PGCE with Leeds Beckett University results in the award of Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and Masters credits.

This route is not salaried, but student finance is available and some of our graduates have been able to apply for bursaries, childcare fees and other assistance.



School Direct Initial Teacher Training

Shire Oak Primary School is the lead school who manage the Springboard partnership. Springboard is made up of a cluster of local schools delivering high quality training for students in partnership with Leeds Beckett University.

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Primary Phase (age 3-7 or 5-11)

Springboard Cluster in Leeds

Welcome



If you are planning to train as a primary school teacher and want to combine the academic rigour and grounding of a university course with the real-life hands on practice of working in schools, then the School Direct route might well be for you.

It is particularly suited for candidates with relevant experience of working with children who are wishing to find teaching jobs for autumn in the local area. Our graduates are very successful at finding jobs in Leeds due to the quality of the course, school links in the area and the track record of Leeds Beckett University, our higher education partner. LBU also run the masters aspect of the course.



Partnership

The Springboard Cluster is situated in north Leeds primary schools including Little London, Brudenell, Kirkstall Valley, Kirkstall St Stephens, Burley St Matthias, Spring Bank and Weetwood. It is led by Shire Oak Primary School in Headingley.

One advantage of the Springboard Cluster is the diversity of its members and therefore the contrasting teaching experiences that student teachers benefit from on their two placements and on our enhancement days. We have small schools, three form entry schools, schools with high numbers of EAL speakers, schools with a very varied socio-economic profile and different cultural backgrounds. All are schools that are committed to meeting the needs of their young learners and supporting the next generation of teachers to do the same. Each school has an experienced tutor/mentor as well as supportive classroom teachers.



How we support our trainees

During the year School Direct trainees learn about all aspects of primary education whilst based in at least two of our cluster schools. Learning at university is supplemented by enhancement days that are led by expert practitioners from our cluster of schools. These include (but are not limited to) topics such as

- EAL
- computing
- planning
- Behaviour
- Philosophy
- Assessment
- SEND
- Phonics

