

The Kite Academy Trust



Class Teacher
Recruitment Pack

Welcome from the CEO

Dear candidate,

We are an ambitious Trust who work as one team, with our shared vision at the heart of everything we do. Our colleagues are our greatest strength — remarkable people who form the foundation of our success and enable us to achieve our vision. Together, we strive towards our collectively defined four strategic aims:

- Remarkable People
- Exemplary Education
- Exceptional Trust Services
- Stronger Communities

As part of our Remarkable People aim, we place a significant emphasis on colleague wellness by providing a range of evidence-informed wellbeing strategies, all of which are being woven through our professional development programme and complement our comprehensive colleague benefits package. This is a truly unique pledge to our people and reflects our commitment to ensuring that every member of our team feels supported, valued and able to thrive.

If you would like any further information about this exciting opportunity, please contact Gemma Golland in our HR Team on 01252 984930 or recruitment@kite.academy.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jeremy Meek

Chief Executive Officer
The Kite Academy Trust



About The Kite Academy Trust

The Kite Academy Trust is a family of nine primary schools across Surrey and Hampshire. At the heart of our Trust is our commitment to working as one team, sharing our expertise to ensure every pupil receives an excellent education and an equal opportunity to thrive and succeed in life. Our Kite values of *positivity, integrity, resilience, respect and aspiration* underpin everything that we do.

The Trust formed in October 2015 with five schools coming together and has recently been on a rapid journey of improvement. In little over two years, the Trust has been transformed. We have an academy that was recently graded as good for the first time in its 25-year history, data outcomes that have improved from significantly below national averages to above (and notably so in areas) and we offer a range of education services externally. It is our aim to provide similar external services via our business teams and the incoming Director of Operations will contribute their leadership experience to this key priority within our Exceptional Trust Services strategic aim.

Our talented colleague team is fully aligned to our Trust vision – *for every pupil to be happy and healthy, to contribute positively to their communities and to achieve academic excellence* – and every decision we make is guided by this vision. All schools are equal partners and committed to the principles of collaboration, sharing expertise and resources to deliver the best possible education for all children in our care.

We celebrate our schools unique and individual characteristics, recognising the communities they serve. We value the contribution our staff bring to our schools and the Trust as a whole, and look to foster leadership and succession planning as well as offering greater opportunities within the Trust.

Our academies:



What do we offer

The contribution of all Kite employees is highly valued and we recognise that the recruitment of highly competent, skilled staff is fundamental to maintaining our excellent standards of service and the safe, prosperous environments in which our people and our pupils can thrive and flourish.

We offer:



Enrolment into Teachers' Pension Scheme



Opportunities for training and progression



Three times pensionable salary Life Assurance cover for all staff in the Pension Scheme



Free mental health and wellbeing support through our dedicated employee assistance programme



Generous maternity, paternity and adoption entitlements



Sports and social clubs (e.g theatre, running & choir)



Discounted childcare if your child attends a Kite School



A culture of communication



An incredible range of employee benefits through our dedicated reward and recognition platform



Flexible PPA arrangements for teachers



Free VDU eye examinations for eligible employees



Sabbatical leave



Funded flu vaccinations



Embedded wellness training in our personal development schedule



Option to purchase school meals



One Team ethos across the Trust



Lakeside Nursery & Primary Academy

Class Teacher

Required for September 2026

Temporary • Maternity cover • Part-time

Salary: MPS 3-6 (£38,627 - £46,839 FTE)

We're looking to appoint talented teachers to join our exceptional team in September 2026!

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do; we believe, by working as one Kite team, we are stronger together. As a class teacher with Kite, you will be part of a supportive, forward-thinking Trust where schools work closely together. We place a significant emphasis on colleague wellbeing and offer a unique wellness pledge that ensures that every member of staff feels supported, valued, and able to thrive - particularly those at the very start of their teaching career.

Here at Kite we pride ourselves on placing your workload, professional development and personal wellbeing at the centre of all that we do. Kite is recognised by Ofsted as a Trust where *'staff speak highly of leaders, governors and trustees. Teachers enjoy impressive training opportunities. They work with schools across the trust to share expertise and develop their skills. This helps their workload and wellbeing'* (Ofsted, November 2023).

The Kite Academy Trust is proud to be an equal opportunities employer. We value diversity and inclusion and are guided by our core values of positivity, integrity, resilience, respect, and aspiration. We are committed to creating a fair, inclusive, and supportive environment where early career teachers can develop confidence, expertise, and a lifelong love of teaching.

Principle responsibilities:

The teacher will undertake all duties required of a qualified teacher identified in the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document and will also undertake teaching in a designated area of the academy including, as below:

- Establishing positive relationships with the children in your class and across the academy
- Planning and teaching well-structured lessons, which meet the needs of all pupils
- Making accurate and productive use of assessment to promote good progress and outcomes by pupils
- Setting high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
- Managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Undertaking reasonable roles and responsibilities as requested by the Head Teacher
- Playing a full part in the life of the school community, supporting the ethos of the school, and encouraging staff, parents and pupils to do likewise
- Complying with school policies and procedures
- Ensuring personal professional development is prioritised, being up-to-date with national and local developments and participating in whole school and individualised INSET.

We offer you:

- A trust which is committed to continuously improving colleague wellbeing
- A curriculum which colleagues shape for the future
- Approaches which are evidence and research informed
- The option to work from home to complete PPA
- Genuine opportunities for career progression
- The opportunity to help shape our Trust education strategy
- A dedicated, friendly staff team, as well as happy, motivated children
- Discounted Wrap around care, at relevant academies, if your child is a Kite Academy Pupil (Linked to contractual hours)
- Competitive salary & pension scheme
- An incredible range of employee benefits (including access to Perkbox)
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Workplace pension through TPS

Job Description

Post: Class Teacher

Responsible to: Headteacher/Executive Head

Role Purpose: To take responsibility for a class of children to promote effective teaching and learning and instil in each child a love of learning for life that enables them to achieve beyond what they thought possible.

Role Responsibilities:

Key Outcomes

- To promote the highest standards of education in a caring and supportive environment where children feel safe, secure and ready to learn.
- To take responsibility for an area of the curriculum and co-ordinate the work of colleagues and policy in order to promote effective teaching and learning for pupils.
- To be responsible for the education and welfare of a class of pupils in accordance with the requirements of Conditions of Employment of School Teachers, having regard to the requirements of the Primary Curriculum and Foundation Stage Curriculum, the Academy's aims, objectives, development plan, programmes of work, and policies of the Academy Trust.
- To share in the corporate responsibility for the well-being and discipline of all pupils.
- To be responsible for own safety and the safety of those affected by your work, in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act, Management of Health and Safety Regulations.

Through strong modelling of the Academy's values, our teachers:

Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils

- Create a safe and stimulating learning environment
- Ensure stretch and challenge for pupils of all backgrounds and abilities
- Consistently demonstrate the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils
- Have confidence to creatively solve the variety of challenges teachers face

Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils

- Be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes
- Plan teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge, addressing misunderstandings
- Enable pupils to reflect on their learning and progress towards targets, encouraging them to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own learning
- Through classroom practise, demonstrate an understanding of how pupils learn
- Use a variety of teaching methods, planned adult intervention, first-hand experience and play and talk as vehicles for learning
- Use effective questioning and listen carefully to pupils, addressing misconceptions

Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

- Show a secure knowledge of the Primary National Curriculum and ensure a working knowledge of any developments
- Ensure that teaching is interesting and engaging
- Promote high standards of literacy and demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies in maths

Plan and teach well-structured lessons

- ensure lessons are well-structured and promote a love of learning
- ensure that time is used effectively and resources are organised and readily available to promote a purposeful environment for teaching and learning to take place.
- set and give effective feedback on homework and support parents in its implementation
- plan and participate in other out-of-class activities (off-site trips, residential visits) to enrich children's knowledge and understanding
- reflect upon own teaching critically to improve effectiveness
- contribute to the design of an engaging whole Academy curriculum through leading (either individually or as a team member) a subject area/areas (not NQTs), developing plans which identify clear targets and success criteria
- Contribute to whole Academy priorities for development

Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils

- ensure effective differentiation
- adapt teaching to address the range of learning needs and styles of children
- ensure teaching is adapted to engage and support children at different stages of development and with varying needs including those of high ability; those with English as an additional language and those with disabilities; take appropriate account of ethnic and cultural diversity to enrich the curriculum and raise achievement
- plan effectively to meet the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and, in collaboration with the SENCo, make an appropriate contribution to the preparation, implementation, monitoring and review of SEND support arrangements

Make accurate and productive use of assessment

- know and understand how to assess pupils including statutory assessment requirements
- make use of formative and summative assessment to ensure progress; use data to monitor this, setting targets, and planning lessons to help meet these
- give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback.

Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

- have clear rules and routines and high expectations for behaviour in classrooms
- promote good and considerate behaviour both in classrooms and around the Academy, in line with the Academy's behaviour policy
- maintain an expectation of positive learning behaviour through development of independence, concentration, perseverance and attentive listening
- involve and motivate children by using a range of approaches to effectively manage classes appropriate to children's needs
- maintain excellent relationships with children

Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

- make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the Academy through supporting initiatives, extra- curricular and charitable events that enrich pupils' life experiences and build relationships with parents and the community
- draw on advice and specialist support when needed
- work effectively with support staff
- work as a member of a team, planning co-operatively, sharing information, ideas and expertise, developing effective professional relationships with colleagues
- be proactive in improving teaching through appropriate CPD
- respond to advice and feedback from colleagues
- liaise effectively with pupils' parents/carers through informative oral and written reports on progress and achievements, discussing appropriate targets and encouraging them to support their children's learning, behaviour and progress

Demonstrate professional duties and responsibilities in line with Part II of Teachers' Standards. Undertake reasonable roles and responsibilities as requested by the Head Teacher to meet the needs of the children in the Academy.

Additional Information: *This job description only contains the main duties relating to this post and does not describe in detail the tasks required to carry them out. It may be amended from time to time in consultation with the post holder concerned and duties may vary from time to time without changing the character or general level of responsibility.*



Person Specification

The post-holder will be able to demonstrate evidence of the following qualifications, knowledge, experience, qualities and skills.

*Essential (E) or
Desirable (D)*

Qualifications

Candidates should have:

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) **E**
- Qualifications equivalent to a degree level **E**
- Experience across the appropriate age range(s) **E**
- Evidence of collaborative working with colleagues, parents, Governors and local stakeholders **D**

Personal qualities

Candidates should:

- Demonstrate a passion for teaching and learning
- Be caring and empathetic towards pupils, able to be firm, fair and consistent
- Be a teacher who has a flexible approach to work who enjoys being a good team member (enthusiastic, dynamic and resilient)
- Be calm under pressure and willing to be flexible if necessary
- Have good communication skills both orally and in writing, with a wide variety of stakeholders
- Have good organisational skills and be able to manage own work load and time effectively
- Have good interpersonal skills, with the ability to enthuse and motivate others and develop effective partnerships
- have a good sense of humour
- Show willingness to share expertise, skills and knowledge and ability to encourage others to follow suit
- Be proactive and positive about challenge, change and opportunities
- Be Committed to equal opportunities in all aspects of the role and around the work place in line with policy
- Show willingness to be involved in all activities that support the Academy
- Maintain a personal commitment to professional development linked to the competencies necessary for this post

Skills and abilities

Candidates should be able to:

- Support and embed the Kite mission, vision and values across the Trust, securing commitment to them from others
- Have the ability to motivate, manage and inspire pupils, striving for excellence
- Demonstrate Sound ICT knowledge and skills, able to demonstrate the effective use of ICT to enhance learning and teaching
- Plan lessons for all the pupils in a class, setting clear learning intentions and differentiated tasks
- Keep records of pupil progress in line with policy
- Use assessments of pupils learning to inform future planning
- Plan and work collaboratively with colleagues
- Commit to high standards and continuous improvement, promoting the Academy within the community

Safeguarding

Candidates should have:

- Knowledge of national and local safeguarding guidance
- Experience of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- A commitment to work with relevant agencies to protect children and young people
- Knowledge of best practice and procedures in school for safeguarding children and young people



Guidance notes for completing your application

Please read the job description and person specification carefully. Please note that CVs are not accepted as part of our recruitment and selection process.

It is important that you clearly demonstrate how you meet the skills, knowledge and experience outlined in the person specification. Reflect on your previous work—both paid and voluntary—and highlight the skills you have developed.

Before submitting your application, we recommend preparing a draft version and ensuring that all of the following sections are completed in full:

- Personal and contact details
- Right to work confirmation
- Education
- Qualifications
- Employment history – Including current employment. *Please ensure all employment dates are accurate and listed in chronological order (most recent first) Any gaps of one month or more must be explained.*
- Personal statement - *We encourage you to include as much relevant detail as possible.*
- References – *References may be requested prior to interview. If you do not wish for one or both of your references to be contacted at this stage, please email Gemma Golland at recruitment@kite.academy when submitting your application.*
- Declaration of relationships
- Equality monitoring form – *This form is not used as part of the shortlisting process.*

By submitting our application, you are confirming that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined in the Confidential Disclosure and Retention sections of the application form.

Application process

To apply, please complete an online application form at [Kite Academy Trust - Careers](#) or contact Gemma Golland, HR Officer at recruitment@kite.academy for further details.

Application process:

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 1st July 2026

Interviews: w/c Monday 6th July 2026

Start: 1st September 2026

Early applications are recommended as suitable applicants may be interviewed sooner according to availability and the post filled prior to this date.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Kite Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidance, successful applicants are subject to an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check, satisfactory employment references and online searches. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our [Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy](#).

We are an equal opportunities employer who value diversity and inclusion. Guided by our values—positivity, respect, integrity, resilience, and aspiration—we are committed to creating a fair and supportive environment where everyone can thrive. Join us and help make a difference in the communities we serve

