

Primary School Direct 2023-2024

KEY DATES AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Welcome to your initial teacher training. We would like to welcome you to the programme and very much look forward to working with you over the course of the next year and beyond.

Welcome Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 11th July **on the London Road campus** between 4.30 and 6.00pm. It is an integral part of the training, and we hope that all trainees will be able to join us. This is an opportunity to:

- Find out more about the programme
- Meet tutors, mentors and other trainees
- Hear from some trainees who have just completed the programme
- Think more about what it means to be a teacher
- Get started on your training journey

DBS check

If you are a salaried trainee your employing school will carry this out. This must be done before the end of the summer term so please take responsibility for ensuring that it is in place. If you are a tuition fee trainee details on how to complete the online DBS application are on the official offer email you received from teachertraining@reading.ac.uk. A satisfactory DBS must be in place before you begin the programme in September.

Health Check

Information on this is available at <https://www.reading.ac.uk/admissions/standard-admissions-checks/declaration-of-health>

You will be contacted by Admissions regarding completing this.

Please be aware that salaried trainees are still required to complete this questionnaire even if you have had a similar check with the school.

Significant dates

The programme starts on the first day of term for your school. You are expected to be in school from that day onwards, even if it is an INSET day for staff. You will be expected to attend all INSET days.

The first central training day is Monday 4th September 2023. Further information regarding arrangements for this day will be sent to you in due course. Part of the day will involve your school mentor and your tutor. We will look carefully at the day-to-day expectations of the programme as you begin your journey towards becoming a fully qualified teacher.

The programme finishes on Friday 5th July 2024.

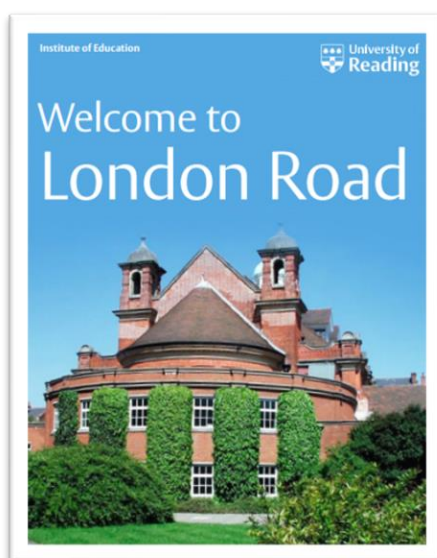
You have been given an outline of the course structure and at the Welcome Evening you will be given an overview timetable of central training. Our intention is for this to involve a predominantly campus-based learning experience with a blended (online) approach adopted when necessary.

SALARIED TRAINEES

- You need to have a contract as an unqualified teacher. If you were previously employed as a teaching assistant or in any other role such as an Early Years Practitioner, you need to resign from this post and be re-employed as an unqualified teacher.
- Your school is entitled to require you to undertake work as part of your contracted duties but this must not be detrimental to your training. The University will work with your lead school to monitor this and recommend that this is for no more than the equivalent of one day a week. Your school needs to be aware that you will not be there whilst on your contrasting, second school placement or attending central training days.
- You are employed for the whole of the academic year and so have a commitment to the school even after the final day of the course on Friday 5th July 2024.

FEE-PAYING TRAINEES

- You should not be asked to do any cover teaching and should be supernumerary throughout your training.
- Your training finishes on Friday 5th July 2024 and after that date you have no obligation to stay in your training school.



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