

Train to teach with Paradigm Teaching School



There are many options available to you if you are considering teacher training. We hope that the following will answer some key questions and provide you with details of the options available via Paradigm Teaching School, led by St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Epsom.

What is School Direct?

School Direct is a one year programme which incorporates what we consider as the best of both worlds—personalised placements in our network of Surrey schools alongside exceptional academic study via either St Mary's University or Roehampton University. On successful completion of your training year you will gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

The year is divided into blocks of time, with weeks spent at university focusing on your academic requirements and then organised placements at two schools across our alliance. At the end of your year with us, you are guaranteed an interview at any of our alliance schools.

What courses do you offer?

We are fortunate to partner with two excellent Universities—St Mary's and Roehampton.

For entry in September 2019, we are offering the following programmes:

- ▶ Primary PGCE (St Mary's)
- ▶ Primary PGCE (Roehampton)
- ▶ Primary PGCE with Maths Specialism (Roehampton)

Where might I be based?

St Joseph's, an outstanding Primary School in Epsom, leads Paradigm Teaching School but we are partnered with some key primary partners who have a long history of working together:

- ▶ St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham
- ▶ St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dorking
- ▶ St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Banstead
- ▶ St Clement's Catholic Primary School, Ewell
- ▶ St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Redhill
- ▶ St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Leatherhead

Placements will be agreed at the beginning of the year between Paradigm and the trainee in order to ensure that they best fit the trainee and their circumstances.

What are the entry requirements?

- ▶ Applicants must be aged 18 or over.
- ▶ UK university degree or recognised equivalent of 2:2 and above.
- ▶ Five GCSE awards at grade C or above, including English, Mathematics and Science.
- ▶ Show that you can communicate effectively in both spoken and written standard English. Demonstrate that you have recent, relevant experience in a KS1 or KS 2 setting.
- ▶ If accepted, obtain an enhanced DBS disclosure and any other required clearances and complete DfE provisional registration requirements.
- ▶ Meet the requirements for physical and mental fitness to teach.
- ▶ Pass skills tests in numeracy and literacy before entry to the course.

If you are considering applying for our Primary PGCE with Maths Specialism then you would usually have a grade C or above at Maths A Level and a degree at 2:2 or above, preferably in mathematics or subject with substantial quantitative content. Exceptionally we would consider individuals with less traditional backgrounds but who exhibit indicators of high quality mathematics and suitability.

How do you select your trainees?

We would like all applicants to have made a fully informed decision about considering joining the teaching profession. As part of that decision making process, spending some time in school(s) observing what teachers do and beginning to give some consideration to how they manage learning can be really insightful and informative.

We hope to recruit trainees who are enthusiastic, motivated and inspiring to our children. Trainees who believe that we continue to learn as we grow and who are open to developing their teaching skill-set are the sort of trainee we are looking for. Excellent communication skills, organisation and the ability to reflect honestly on your own practice are essential. Prior experience with children or in a school setting is always valuable, as are the most important two characteristics: adaptability and a sense of humour!

How do I apply?

Register with UCAS Teacher Training to make a start on your application. You do not need to complete it all at once – you can save your progress and sign back in any time.

Our UCAS codes are as follows:

- ▶ UCAS Provider code: 2J3
- ▶ Primary PGCE (St Mary's) 3B7T
- ▶ Primary PGCE (Roehampton) 3DV4
- ▶ Primary PGCE with Maths (Roehampton) 3DTY

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What if I have more questions?

Feel free to contact us for an informal chat via Paradigm@stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk