

**“Teaching isn’t just a job.
It’s a chance to inspire, empower, and
make a lasting impact.”**

Nexus Education Schools Trust

Class Teacher Apprenticeship Recruitment Pack



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Job Advert

Start your Teaching Journey with Confidence

Are you passionate about shaping young minds? With the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA), you can train to teach in primary, earn a full salary, and gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) - all with no tuition fees.

- Learn on the job with expert support and national networking
- Access cutting-edge, research-informed training
- Build your career from classroom to leadership with the Golden Thread of professional development

Your future in teaching starts here. Apply now and inspire the next generation.

Salary	Unqualified Teacher Pay Scale (Inner, Outer, Kent as appropriate)
Apprenticeship	Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA) - General Primary delivered by Best Practice Network. Course duration up to 15 months. Please see the flyer for more details.
Location	Bromley, Southwark, Kent or Lewisham
Hours	Full-time with 20% of time allocated to off-the-job training
Reports to	Headteacher or line manager
Start Date	Autumn Term 2025
Closing Date	Midday on Friday 11th July 2025 Email application forms to recruitment@nestschools.org
Interviews	Suitable candidates may be interviewed on a rolling basis or prior to the closing date.

To apply, candidates must:

- Hold a **bachelor's degree** (or equivalent) with a **2:2 or above**
- Have **GCSE grade 4/C or above** in:
 - English
 - Maths
 - Science
 - (or recognised equivalent qualifications)
- Have been **resident in the UK for the past 3 years**
- Some **prior school experience is required**, as you will be undertaking training alongside teaching responsibilities

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Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST) a rapidly growing Multi-Academy Trust with 20 vibrant primary schools across Bromley, Kent, Lewisham and Southwark. Over the past five years, we've invested in state-of-the-art facilities, ensuring our schools provide exceptional learning opportunities for every pupil.

We are proud partners with a number of multi-academy trusts and groups of maintained schools, creating a collaborative network that enhances educational experiences across the region. As part of our commitment to developing outstanding teaching, we also oversee the Thames South Teaching School Hub, delivering high-quality teacher training and professional development in Bromley, Bexley and Greenwich.

At NEST, we believe in the power of collaboration. Our schools are united by a shared dedication to creating a culture of continuous learning, where inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. Each school plays a vital role in building a strong, interconnected professional learning community, driving success across our entire trust.

We are driven by a clear, moral purpose:

"To provide excellence and opportunity for all, transforming lives through education and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow"

Nexus Education Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS clearance.

We're proud to offer:

- **Endless Growth Opportunities:** Access to ongoing professional development to help you thrive in your career.
- **Thriving Partnerships:** Strong collaborations with schools to enhance your impact and network.
- **A Happy and Supportive Team:** Work alongside a motivated, friendly, and encouraging group of professionals. We are committed to helping you achieve your professional goals.
- **Comprehensive Training and Development:** NEST supports the continuous growth of all our staff.
- **Course and Qualification Opportunities:** Enhance your skills for your current role or prepare for future opportunities.
- **Career Advancement:** Gain qualifications that can help you progress within the organisation.
- **Resources You Deserve:** A well-equipped environment with the tools and support you need to succeed.
- **Innovative Culture:** Join an organisation that values creativity, teamwork, and fresh ideas.
- **Exclusive Perks:** Enjoy staff benefits like the Cycle to Work scheme and technology discounts.
- **Special Discounts:** Gain access to CSSC Benefits, BHN Extras and Blue Light Card savings, making your life outside work even better.

Welcome from the CEO

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for expressing your interest in joining **Nexus Education Schools Trust**. We are delighted that you are considering becoming a part of our community.

This is an incredibly exciting time for our schools, as the Trust continues to grow and thrive. Currently, all our schools are rated as good or outstanding, with strong leadership teams dedicated to delivering a rich variety of opportunities and outstanding outcomes for every pupil.

At **Nexus Education Schools Trust**, we are guided by a vision to empower individual academies to flourish with true autonomy while fostering a strong culture of support and collaboration across all our schools. Central to everything we do is a commitment to making child-centred decisions and choices.

Our mission is to:

- Nurture every individual,
- Provide exceptional educational opportunities and outcomes,
- Empower all to succeed, and
- Transform the life chances and
- Transform the life chances and aspirations of our pupils, equipping them to thrive as fulfilled individuals in an ever-changing world.

We also celebrate the uniqueness of each school's community and the vital contributions they make to ensuring the best education and experiences for our pupils. Every school is fundamental to our collective success. We firmly believe that, together, we can achieve more—delivering higher educational outcomes, broader opportunities for our pupils, and enhanced prospects for our staff and communities.

As a member of NEST, you will join a Trust that champions collaboration, mutual support, and a shared commitment to excellence. We are looking for individuals who:

- Share our values and vision,
- Are enthusiastic about working collaboratively with colleagues both within and beyond their school,
- Are dedicated to continuous development and professional excellence, and
- Are passionate about providing the highest standards and opportunities for all children.

We hope this information inspires you to take the next step in your career with us. We look forward to receiving your application and wish you the very best as you consider this exciting opportunity.

Regards

Paula Farrow OBE
CEO
Nexus Education Schools Trust



Apprentice Class Teacher - Job Description

Main Purpose of the Role:

To provide high-quality teaching and care for a designated class, while developing the knowledge, skills, and professional attributes required to meet the Teachers' Standards, the requirements of the Primary Curriculum, and the school's aims, values and policies. This role is part of a structured training programme and includes a combination of classroom-based practice and off-the-job training

You will work under the guidance of an experienced mentor to contribute to a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment that supports pupils' academic, social, and emotional development. While developing your own teaching practice, you will also contribute to the collective responsibility for the welfare, discipline, and holistic development of all pupils within the school community, working collaboratively to uphold our shared commitment to excellence and equity in education.

Planning and Teaching

- Take ownership of the classes and groups assigned to you by the Headteacher, embracing the opportunity to inspire and nurture every pupil.
- Deliver lessons with creativity and empathy, with guidance from your mentor, ensuring each child feels valued and supported.
- Contribute to the highest standards of education, fostering a learning environment where pupils are motivated, curious, and fully engaged.
- Plan, prepare, and deliver captivating learning experiences, with guidance from your mentor, aiming to meet the diverse needs of your learners, aligning with the school's innovative curriculum.
- Communicate clearly and effectively, structuring lessons to maximise understanding and progression.
- Contribute to the cultivation of independent, confident learners who demonstrate resilience and a love for learning.
- Work collaboratively to ensure all pupils, regardless of background or ability, have their individual needs met and are given the tools to succeed.
- Work collaboratively with classroom support staff, ensuring their skills are utilised effectively to enhance the learning experience for all pupils.

Classroom Management

- Help to create a vibrant, inspiring classroom where displays and working walls showcase and support pupils' learning, bringing their achievements and current topics to life.
- Foster a positive and respectful atmosphere by promoting excellent behaviour, consistently aligning with the school's behaviour policy.
- Champion the social and emotional well-being of pupils, contributing to a nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported.
- Build strong pastoral connections with pupils, offering guidance and encouragement to help them thrive both academically and personally.

Monitoring, Assessment and Recording

- Working with your mentor and other experienced colleagues, keep a close eye on each pupil's progress, using assessments and evaluations to celebrate achievements and identify areas for growth, all in line with statutory requirements and school policies.
- Begin to harness the power of data to track progress, inform your teaching, and ensure every child is reaching their full potential.
- Collaborate on the moderation of learning and achievements to maintain consistency and celebrate excellence across the school community.

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Wider Professional Responsibilities

- Uphold the school's safeguarding and health and safety procedures with vigilance and care, fully embracing your role in ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all.
- Act as a positive role model, fostering strong, respectful relationships with pupils, parents, and colleagues, and contributing to a harmonious school community.
- Provide supervision for pupils beyond the classroom as needed, ensuring their safety and well-being throughout the school day.
- Communicate and collaborate effectively with stakeholders, including parents, colleagues, and external partners, to support pupils' learning and development.
- Engage fully in professional development opportunities, reflecting on practice and responding to feedback to continually grow and improve in your teaching role.
- Liaise with advisory staff and external agencies as needed, ensuring pupils benefit from the full range of expertise and support available.
- Undertake other reasonable and relevant tasks as required by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, contributing to the wider success of the school.

Special Conditions of Service

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974). The amendments to the Exceptions order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website. Because the post allows substantial access to children, candidates are required to comply with Trust safeguarding and DBS procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Ensure full awareness of, compliance with, and adherence to all school policies and procedures relating to the management, teaching, and learning within the school.

Contacts and Relationships

Deliver the expected standard and level of service, identifying and reporting any shortfalls or opportunities for improvement.

Consistently uphold high professional standards in attendance, punctuality, appearance, conduct, and maintaining positive, respectful relationships with pupils, parents/carers, and colleagues.

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Equalities

Actively enforce the school's equal opportunities policies and fulfil all statutory responsibilities to ensure fairness, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals in every aspect of service delivery.

Additional points

All staff are expected to comply with academy and Trust policies. Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not be identified. Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

The Trust will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition. The job description may be subject to amendment or modification, should circumstances change, changes will be discussed with you in the first instance. Should a disagreement arise, you will be afforded the opportunity of a meeting to resolve the matter with your line manager. You may wish to be accompanied at this meeting by a representative of your Trade Union if you so wish.

Data Protection

Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST) is committed to protecting your privacy when you apply for a position with us. It is important to us that you can trust us to keep your information safe and to use it in ways that you will think are reasonable and ethical. NEST are the data controller for the information we hold about you, this means we control how your personal information is processed and for what purposes.

For further information please refer to our Data Protection Policy <http://nestschools.org/nest-policies/>

Apprentice Class Teacher - Person Specification

Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree (2:2 or above) or equivalent
- GCSE grade 4/C or above in English, Maths and Science (or recognised equivalents)

Skills and Abilities

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to reflect on and improve practice
- Organisational and time management skills
- Commitment to inclusive and equitable education

Personal Qualities

- Passion for working with children and young people
- Resilience and adaptability
- Willingness to learn and take feedback
- Professionalism and integrity
- Must have been resident in the UK for the past 3 years

Commitment

- Willingness to complete a full-time, 15-month training programme
- Commitment to completing all training, placements, and assessments
- Desire to pursue a long-term career in teaching



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The application process

Nexus Education Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its schools. We comply with the statutory legislative requirements and guidance, including 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', and we follow a rigorous selection process which seeks to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Safer Recruitment

Our job descriptions and person specifications confirm individual responsibility for safeguarding the welfare and well-being of children and young people. All posts are subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks.

Application Stage

We require all applicants to complete our Application Form which seeks to elicit the information we require to undertake the shortlisting process and to assess the applicant's suitability for the post they have applied for. We do not accept CVs in place of a completed Application Form. We reserve the right to reject any applicant who has failed to fully complete our Application Form.

Shortlisting

Only those candidates who meet the criteria outlined in the person specification will be shortlisted. We carry out online and social media searches as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. If we identify any of concern to us, then this will be raised and explored during the interview.

Interview

1. Shortlisted candidates will take part in an in-depth interview and selection process.
2. Employment references will be sought before an interview.
3. Candidates will be asked to complete a Self Declaration Form in respect of their criminal record and to return this prior to the interview.
4. Candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies, anomalies, or gaps in employment in the application form including their employment history. Candidates will be invited to discuss any disclosures in their self-declaration form and any queries we have arising from the information provided in their employment references and/or our online and social media searches.
5. Proof of right to work in the UK and any relevant qualifications must also be provided at the interview.

Appointment

An offer of employment is conditional upon us being satisfied with the outcomes of all the following checks:

- Verification of the candidate's identity.
- An Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate (DBS) including a Children's Barred List check
- An assessment of fitness to work to ensure that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job
- Overseas criminal record and overseas professional registration checks where a candidate has lived, worked or qualified overseas
- Verification that the candidate is not the subject of a prohibition order or section 128 direction made by the Secretary of State
- Compliant employment references
- Verification of qualifications and professional registrations relevant to the candidate's role
- Verification of the candidate's right to work in the UK
- Verification that candidates employed in reception classes, or wraparound care for children up to the age of 8, are not disqualified from working in these setting under the 2018 Childcare Disqualifications Regulations.

On appointment and annually thereafter, all colleagues are required to undertake Safeguarding training, Cyber Security training, GDPR training and to reaffirm and disclose any changes to their criminal record, and to read and confirm their adherence to Part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education, our child protection and safeguarding policy, behaviour policy and code of conduct (which includes our requirements in respect of ethical and professional standards and professional boundaries). All school based staff will be required to undertake first aid training.

Our contracts of employment place an ongoing requirement on all colleagues to immediately notify us if they are the subject of a police investigation, are released under investigation, or receive a caution or conviction.

Recruitment of Offenders

All posts within NEST are, (by the reason of The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended)) exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. This means that all applicants for employment with the Trust must disclose all unspent cautions and convictions and all unprotected spent cautions and convictions. An explanation of when a spent conviction is unprotected is available on the Ministry of Justice website.

- If relevant information (whether concerning previous convictions or otherwise) is volunteered by an applicant during the recruitment process of obtained through a DBS check, we will consider the following factors before reaching a recruitment decision:
- whether the conviction of other matter revealed is relevant to the position in question;
- the seriousness of any offence or other matter revealed;
- the length of time since the offence or other matter occurred;
- whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour or other relevant matters; and
- the circumstances surrounding the offence and the explanation(s) offered by the convicted person.

If the post involves regular contact with children, it is our normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of any of the following offences: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence, class A drug-related offences, robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves access to money or budget responsibility, it is our normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of robbery, burglary, theft, deception, or fraud.

If the post involves some driving responsibilities, it is our normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted of dangerous driving or of an offence of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, within the last 10 years.

Probation

All new colleagues will be subject to the NEST probation procedure for six months. The probation procedure is to enable the assessment of a colleague's suitability for the job for which they have been employed, which includes the monitoring and review of their performance of their duties, skills, qualifications, and experience outlined in the job description and person specification and their suitability to work with children and young people.

Equal Opportunities

NEST recognises the value of, and seeks to achieve, a diverse workforce that includes people from all backgrounds. We take positive steps to create an employment culture in which people feel confident about being treated with fairness, dignity, and tolerance irrespective of their differences. This commitment extends beyond the relationship between the conduct of colleagues, potential colleagues, and the whole community. We are committed to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and the promotion of good relations between all.

General Data Protection Regulations

NEST is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. By signing a contract of employment, you understand that NEST, and/or agents appointed by the trust, process your personal data, including "special category personal data" as defined in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), for the purposes of the operation, management, security and/or administration, as well as, complying with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures. The information you provide (except equality monitoring information) may be shared with partner organisations that provide services to NEST. Further information on our data protection policy and privacy notices can be found on the NEST website.

Our Trust



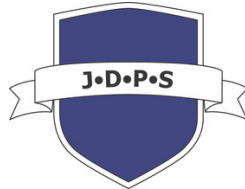
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