

**Teacher Application Pack**



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# Letter from Sir Steve Lancashire, Chief Executive, REAch2 Academy Trust

Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in this role within the REAch2 Academy Trust.

This is a hugely exciting time for our family of schools. The Trust has been recognised by the Department for Education as being well placed to raise standards and achieve excellence for pupils in a growing number of schools nationwide. We are presented with a rare opportunity to make a real difference to the lives and life chances of so many primary school children – many of whom haven’t previously received the educational opportunities they deserve.

The Trust includes schools at all stages of development, from those requiring significant improvement through to existing outstanding schools. As a Trust we are clear about the importance of achieving long term sustainability for our schools. Our vision is to enable individual academies to flourish with real autonomy, whilst also ensuring a strong ethos of support and collaboration across our schools.

Teachers within REAch2 belong to a national community of professionals, and benefit from a wide range of networks and development opportunities across the Trust. In time, our best teachers are able to work across schools, develop specialisms and step up to leadership roles within and beyond their own academy. The Trust provides a strong culture of collaboration and support, together with high expectations for staff and pupils alike.

Those we recruit are able to demonstrate that they share our values, are highly motivated to work with colleagues within and beyond their school to continuously develop their skills and pursue professional excellence, and are committed to providing the highest standards of teaching for all children. If that is you then we would be delighted to receive your application.

**Sir Steve Lancashire**

**Chief Executive, REAch2 Academy Trust**

# Letter from Miss Homer, Headteacher, Kemsley Primary Academy

Dear Candidate,

We are looking for an inspirational, highly committed and hardworking teacher to join our friendly team to cover maternity leave. This is a fixed term contract for one year. This role may change after nine months to help support with PPA/Management cover and to help facilitate interventions across the school.

 We offer:

* *a good school (Ofsted February 2019)*
* a bespoke CPD package to support people at every stage in their career, including team teaching and coaching opportunities
* leadership development opportunities that help you realise your full potential
* a hard-working, supportive team with committed governors and parents
* Polite and well-mannered children
* Enthusiastic and inquisitive learners
* Kind and caring colleagues
* An  encouraging and supportive senior leadership team

The successful candidate will:

* be a highly motivated and enthusiastic classroom teacher
* have consistently high expectations
* nurture a thirst for knowledge and understanding and a love of learning in all pupils
* be committed to raising standards and achieving excellence for all
* be a committed member of our school team

Unfortunately, due to current social distancing measures, visits to the school are not permitted at this time. However, if you require further information about our school, please feel free to email the Headteacher or browse our school website. To apply, please complete the application form attached, referring to the job description. Once completed, please send your application to the Headteacher, Miss Iris Homer, by email: homeri@kemsley.kent.sch.uk

Shortlisting will take place on Tuesday 16th March and shortlisted candidates will be contacted on the following day and provided with details of the interview. Interviews will take place on Thursday 18th March by zoom call. References will be requested prior to interview.

**Miss Homer**, **Headteacher, Kemsley Primary Academy**

# Our Cornerstones and Touchstones

REAch2 is the Cornerstone of the Trust: providing a strong, responsible foundation from which every academy develops and grows. A cornerstone provides a subtle yet paramount role in the construction of a building and ensures that REAch2 is a trustworthy, accountable and inspirational organisation, delivering the best possible learning experience.

REAch2 is defined by the values of **excellence, quality, delivery and standards** – these features give the Trust its enduring attributes and its inherent reliability.

However, what gives each REAch2 Academy its uniqueness are the Touchstones of the Trust (seen on the right). Just as 500 years ago touchstones were used to test the quality of the gold they marked, so too our touchstones find what is precious and set these things apart. They are used to express the values and ethos of the Trust and describe what the Trust wants to be known for and how it wishes to operate.

With good **leadership**, we aspire to develop children academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually. We notice talent and spot the ‘possible’ in people as well as the ‘actual’. Developing potential across our Trust becomes a realisation that there is a future worth pursuing for everyone.

Children deserve **enjoyment** in their **learning** and the pleasure that comes from absorption in a task and achieving their goals. Providing contexts for learning which are relevant, motivating and engaging, release in children their natural curiosity, fun and determination.

**Inspiration** breathes energy and intent into our schools: through influential experiences, children can believe that no mountain is too high and that nothing is impossible.

REAch2 serves a wide range of communities across the country and we celebrate the economic, social, cultural and religious diversity that this brings: embracing **inclusion** ensures that we are a Trust that serves all, believing that everyone can succeed.

We take our **responsibility** seriously. We act judiciously with control and care. We don’t make excuses, but mindfully answer for our actions and continually seek to make improvements.

REAch2 is a Trust that has a strong moral purpose, our **integrity** is paramount. Our mission is to change children's lives by providing the very best quality education we can. Through this, children can fulfil their potential, become happy, successful adults and contribute effectively and meaningfully to society. We welcome the fact that all our decisions and actions are open to scrutiny. You can learn more about REAch2 at our website: [www.reach2.org](http://www.reach2.org)

# The role

**Class Teacher at Kemsley Primary Academy**

In this role, you will initially be teaching our Year 4 class. This is a fixed term contract for one year. This role may change after nine months to help support with PPA/Management cover and to help facilitate interventions across the school. The successful candidate will receive their salary on the teachers’ main pay scale.

**Background Information about the School**

Kemsley Primary Academy was opened in September 2004 and is a single form entry primary school with a very popular nursery, situated in Sittingbourne, Kent.

Our main school can take up to 210 children with 30 pupils in each class. Our nursery is able to take 52 children for five half-day sessions of two and a half hours – 26 children in the morning and 26 children in the afternoon; many children stay all day as part of our flexible care offer and for those entitled to 30 hours provision. Many of our nursery children join our reception class.

Each classroom door is painted a different colour of the rainbow; Year R is red, Year 1 is orange, Year 2 is yellow, Year 3 is green, Year 4 is blue, Year 5 is pink and Year 6 is purple.

We are very fortunate to have such vast grounds. Outside, the grounds are laid out into separate play areas; Nursery, Year R, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) together and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) together. Usually we would encourage free flow around the areas at lunch times to allow the children to play together regardless of year group, however due to COVID19 restrictions we are currently having staggered playtimes in bubbles. Our large field is ideal for games. We also have a woodland conservation area which we use all year round.

We have an open door policy and value the support of parents. We are pleased to welcome parent helpers into school.

# The application

You are invited to submit an application form to Miss Iris Homer, Headteacher, homeri@kemsley.kent.sch.uk

REAch2 Academy Trust have an Equal Opportunities Policy for selection and recruitment. Applicants are requested to complete the Trust’s online [Equality & Diversity Monitoring Form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGorfMwEtEi30d9QFOXXNJ4DEcgd411KhzIQrNunT_hUMlJXTkhNVlE0SlhKV0FWTEk2Wkw1TTUwRS4u) separately.

In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy the successful candidate will be required to have an enhanced DBS check.

To arrange an informal discussion please contact Miss Iris Homer, Headteacher, homeri@kemsley.kent.sch.uk

## The application process and timetable

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| **Application deadline:** | Tuesday 16th March 2021 (5pm) |
| **School visits:** | N/A |
| **Interviews:** | Thursday 18th March 2021 (TBC) |
| **Contract details:** | Fixed Term (One Year) |
| **Salary:** | MPS 2-3 |
| **Start date:** | 19th April 2021 |

The candidates selected for interview will be informed after shortlisting and full details of the interview programme will be provided.

# Safeguarding, Safer Recruitment and Data Protection

At REAch2 we recognise that academies and academy personnel are in a unique position in their care of children. The responsibility for all staff to safeguard pupils and promote their welfare, as stated in Section 175 of the Education Act (2002) is one that is central to our ethos, our policies and our actions. All children are deserving of the highest levels of care and safeguarding, regardless of their individual characteristics or circumstances, and we are committed to applying our policies to ensure effective levels of safeguarding and care are afforded to all of our pupils.

We have a principle of open competition in our approach to recruitment and will seek to recruit the best applicant for the job.  The recruitment and selection process aims to ensure the identification of the person best suited to the job based on the applicant’s abilities, qualifications, experience and merit as measured against the job description and person specification. The recruitment and selection of staff will be conducted in a professional, timely and responsive manner and in compliance with current employment legislation, and relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance.

All information is stored securely and any information supplied by unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed through a confidential waste system after six months from notifying unsuccessful candidates, in accordance with our information and records retention policy.

The Trust ensures all applicant data is stored and processed appropriately. For further details on how your details will be managed during the recruitment process please refer to our [Privacy Notice for Job Applications](https://reach2.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Privacy-Notice-Job-Applications.pdf).

# Job Description

**Post:**  **Class Teacher (Maternity Cover)**

**Salary:** MPS

**Responsible to: Miss Iris Homer (Headteacher)**

**REAch2 is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure will be requested where required.**

**Scope:** Classroom teacher

**Duties:** The Conditions of Employment for School Teachers

(Document on Pay and Conditions) specify the general professional duties of all teachers. In addition, certain particular duties are reasonably required to be exercised and completed in a satisfactory manner.

**Responsible for:**

* Supporting the vision, ethos and policies of the school and promoting high levels of achievement.
* Supporting the creation and implementation of the school improvement plan.
* Evaluating the effectiveness of the provision
* Organising and managing teaching and learning.
* The development and monitoring of the curriculum provision.
* Supporting the Headteacher in the monitoring of the quality of teaching and children’s achievements, including the analysis of data.
* The pastoral care of children, promoting independence and good behaviour, in accordance with school policies
* Ensuring that parents are fully involved in their child’s learning and development and well-informed about the curriculum, their child’s individual targets, progress and achievement
* Developing the use of new and emerging technologies and techniques within the classroom

**Teaching and Learning**

* Identifying clear teaching objectives and specifying how they will be taught and assessed.
* Setting tasks which challenge pupils and ensure high levels of interest
* Setting appropriate and demanding expectations
* Setting clear targets, building on prior attainment
* Identifying SEN or very able pupils
* Providing clear structures for lessons maintaining pace, motivation and challenge
* Making effective teaching and best use of available time
* Maintaining good conduct and learning behaviours in accordance with the school’s procedures and encouraging good practice with regard to punctuality, behaviour, standards of work and homework
* Ensuring effective teaching and best use of available time
* Using a variety of teaching methods to match approach to content, structure information, present a set of key ideas and use appropriate vocabulary
* Use effective questioning, listen carefully to pupils, give attention to errors and misconceptions
* Select appropriate learning resource’s and develop study skills through library, I.C.T. and other sources
* Ensuring pupils acquire and consolidate knowledge skills and understanding appropriate to the subject taught
* Evaluating own teaching critically to improve effectiveness
* Ensuring the effective and efficient deployment of classroom support
* Taking account of pupils’ needs by providing structured learning opportunities which develop the areas of learning identified in national and local policies and particularly the foundations for English and Mathematics
* Encouraging pupils to think and talk about their learning, develop self-control and independence, concentrate and persevere and listen attentively
* Using a variety of teaching strategies which involve planned adult intervention, first-hand experience and play and talk as a vehicle for learning.

**Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting**

* Assess how well learning objectives have been achieved and us them to improve specific aspects of teaching
* Provide feedback for pupils and set targets together for progress
* Assess and record pupils’ progress systematically and keep records to check work is understood and completed, monitor strengths and weaknesses, inform planning and recognize the level at which the pupil is achieving
* Prepare and present informative reports to parents.

**Curriculum Development**

* Contribute to team responsibility for a subject or aspect of the school’s work and develop plans which identify clear targets and success criteria for its development and/or maintenance
* Contribute to the whole school’s development activities

**These duties may be varied to meet the changing demands of the school at the reasonable direction of the Headteacher. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment. It describes the way the post holder is expected to perform and complete the particular duties as set out above.**

**Person Specification**

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| **Responsible for:** | Educational, emotional and social development of each of the children which form the class allocated for each specific academic year.  Various curriculum areas with the changing needs of the school. |
| **Teaching ability and curriculum understanding** | * evidence of successful classroom practice   + - * a clear understanding of the NC, planning, assessment and of modern truly interactive primary school teaching techniques       * knowledge and experience of curriculum planning and assessment.       * desire and ability to work closely as part of a team       * awareness of national trends and developments       * high expectations of self, pupils and staff       * clear and balanced views about pupil welfare and discipline       * understanding of child development and ability to recognise and respond to the individuality of pupils       * a commitment to the integration of children with special educational needs in mainstream school environment       * evidence of commitment to personal and professional development       * commitment to the involvement of parents in their children's learning       * Ability and willingness to teach across all Key Stages.       * A good understanding of and commitment to interagency working |
| **Personal qualities** | * + - * well developed interpersonal skills and the ability to develop and maintain good relationships with staff, parents, and pupils       * personal and professional integrity       * ability to work under pressure while maintaining a cheerful disposition       * excellent organisational skills       * flexible attitude towards responsibilities in school |
| **Management skills** | * Awareness of the process of inspections of schools for monitoring and evaluating the quality of a school   + - * knowledge and experience of identifying and ordering equipment/resources and being a budget holder       * To be able to monitor, evaluate, lead and develop subject/s within the school       * an understanding of the role of governors       * experience in leading meetings (e.g. curriculum)       * experience of managing adults in the classroom       * experience of supporting and developing colleagues |
| **Other qualities** | * + - * commitment to the job and the school       * ability and commitment to work closely with, and support the Head       * Willingness to contribute to all areas of school life.       * strong commitment to the importance of the school as part of the community.       * a strong belief in the importance of the development of the emotional, cultural/spiritual/sporting interests of the child       * a sense of balance - with a life outside of school       * sense of humour! |

**Person Specification**

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| **FACTORS** | **ESSENTIAL** | **DESIRABLE** | **MEASURED BY** |
| **QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**   * Qualified Teacher status * Graduate * Clear communication/questioning skills – precise approach to written communication * ICT competent – Able to use IWB * Able to inspire children’s interest in learning | Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential |  | A  A  O I A  O  O |
| **SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND/OR EXPERIENCE**   * Knowledge of strategies to support learning, progress and standards across the curriculum – evidence of impact on progress * Experience working in an Early Years setting * Knowledge of how ICT can be used to support/ enrich learning * Effective classroom management skills – able to provide an effective environment for learning * Clear understanding of the role of assessment in the development of learning * Successful record of teaching within primary | Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential |  | A R O I  A  O  A O I  A O I R |
| **PERSONAL QUALITIES**   * Flexibility of approach * Well organized * Supportive – able to work as part of a team * Able to respond to and seek advice | Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential |  | R  O R I  R  R |
| **INTEREST AND MOTIVATION IN THE JOB**   * Enthusiasm for children’s learning * Commitment to promote and support the aims of REAch2 | Essential |  | O I R A |
| **\*Key: A=Application, R=Reference, O=Observation, I=Interview** | | | |