

# TRAIN TO TEACH IN FENLAND



## WHO ARE WE?

**The Fenland Alliance** works in partnership with the University of Bedford and primary schools across Fenland (NE Cambridgeshire) to support the training and development of new teachers. Because of the close contacts we have with our partner schools, the Alliance are able to offer experienced mentors in a wide range of schools and Key Stages to help and support the development of new trainee teachers. Schools range from small village primaries to larger town schools, each with their own unique styles and characteristics.

## WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU?

The Alliance offers placements for teachers wishing to train in the Early Years and in the Primary Key Stages 1 and 2. We aim to minimise travel, allocating placements in and around Fenland and close to trainees' homes where possible. Many of our trainees have appreciated this as not only does this save travel time, it also means that time in school can be maximised.

Since we work closely with our primary schools, trainees have the opportunity to visit and spend time in their placement schools prior to the start of the course. This is often valued by our trainees as it prepares them well for embarking on the course in the September.

Upon successful completion of the course, a very high proportion of teachers gain employment within the Fenland area, and sometimes within their placement schools.



## THE COURSE

Fenland Alliance offers two programmes into teaching, depending on the age range trainees wish to train in: Primary EYFS 3-7 (F988) and Primary 5-11(2GKB). The courses can be taken full time (one year) or part time (over two years)

Both courses start early in September with a 2-week intensive induction programme at the University of Bedfordshire (UoB). The first teaching placement will run between mid-September and December, and the second placement runs between January and June.

Throughout the course, you will spend four days each week in your placement school and travel to UoB each Friday for professional studies.

In each placement, trainees will have a named mentor who is an experienced teacher responsible for supporting your professional development.

At the University, teaching is through lectures, seminars and workshops with opportunities to work independently and collaboratively.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to talk to someone about what the Fenland Alliance can offer you, then we would be happy to hear from you. Please email Mr David Barron, the course director on: [dbarron@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:dbarron@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)