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School Direct Booklet

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Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our School Direct Cluster. At Eatock we are committed to ensuring your School Direct experience is rewarding and inspiring.

Why join the Eatock Primary Cluster?

We offer our Initial Teacher Training (ITT) trainees an outstanding School Direct programme which includes the following:

- **School-led professional learning.**
- **High quality training** provided by Eatock and other primary schools within the Eatock Primary Cluster.
- A **high quality** teacher training programme and support from Edge Hill University.
- **Individual support and mentoring** by good and outstanding practitioners within their own school.
- First-hand experience of **Learning Outside the Classroom** and how to use it to enhance teaching and learning.
- **PCGE Primary Education with QTS Qualification** (60 credits) – Working with both Eatock Primary Cluster and Edge Hill University you will work towards your QTS qualification.



About the Training Programme

The Eatock Primary Cluster School Direct programme will be delivered by **good** and **outstanding practitioners** in a **highly supportive and aspirational** environment. The programme is aimed at developing your skills, knowledge and understanding required for teaching within the classrooms of tomorrow.

The majority of training will be delivered by the Eatock Cluster School Partners and Edge Hill University. The programme supports trainees to develop innovative and creative approaches to teaching in a supportive environment. Trainees will be provided with classroom based experiences which will enable them to reflect on pedagogy in practice.

Edge Hill University's teaching and learning experience is of the highest quality, with a curriculum that is inspiring, relevant and informed by the outcomes of up to date research. As part of your School Direct experience, you will have access to state of the art facilities at Edge Hill University's Ormskirk campus and regular interaction with fellow PGCE trainees.

About the training provider

The School Direct Programme is accredited by Edge Hill University and is delivered in collaboration with Eatock Primary School. There are currently 8 other Primary schools within the Eatock Primary Cluster, which offer an exciting and bespoke opportunity to experience school-based training within both urban and semi-rural settings.

Schools in the Eatock Primary Cluster

Aspull Church Primary, Leigh St Mary's, Oxford Grove Primary, Markland Hill Primary, The Gates, St George's CE Primary, Wood Fold Primary School, Standish and St Thomas of Halliwell, Bolton.



Entry Requirements

Before the programme commences, you must have:

- **School Experience** - A commitment to, and understanding of, primary education, normally founded on at least 10 days of experience in primary classrooms in the two years prior to your application
- **Qualifications** - GCSEs at grade C or above (or equivalent qualification) in English Language and Mathematics prior to application. We also require GCSE at grade C (or equivalent qualification) in Combined Science / Physics / Chemistry / Biology and two additional National Curriculum subjects (as taught in Key Stages 1 and 2).
- **Degree** - A first or second class Honours degree from a UK university.
- **Personal and presentational qualities** - including a good standard of written English

****Please note, for the purposes of initial teacher training, Level 2 Numeracy and Literacy qualifications are not considered as equivalent to GCSE grade C in Mathematics or English*.***

An **academic reference** is required for all students who have graduated in the last five years.

You are required to undertake a **Professional Skills Tests** in Literacy and Numeracy prior to entry to this programme. Successful completion of the Professional Skills Tests will form part of the conditions of any offer of a place. Further details can be found at <http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/skillstests>.

If you accept a formal offer from Eatock Primary Cluster, you will be required to meet the Department for Education's (DfE) standards for physical and mental fitness to teach and clearance to work with children.

Further information, including a Declaration of Health questionnaire and details of how to apply for a **Disclosure and Barring Service** (DBS, previously CRB) Enhanced Disclosure will be sent to you after you have firmly accepted an offer.



What are we looking for?

If you are looking to inspire future generations and have a determination to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to achieve their potential, the Eatock Cluster will help you to achieve this. We are looking for students who show potential to be able to 'think outside the box' and offer lessons that are creative and inspiring.

The selection process

Eatock Primary School is the lead school in the partnership and will be coordinating the recruitment process. This will involve a full day within one of our Partner schools and will include:

- 20 minute observed teaching activity
- An interactive school tour
- An interview
- A written task

Prior to your interview day, you will be informed of the content of the activity and the age group you will be teaching. Our Interview team will consist of Senior leaders from the Eatock Primary Cluster schools and Edge Hill University staff.

The rigorous and thorough process is aimed at recruiting trainees of the highest calibre.

Interview Dates:

12th November 2018

26th November 2018

3rd December 2018

10th December 2018

17th December 2018

14th January 2019

28th January 2019

Extras dates to be arranged as necessary.



What do our past trainees say about us?

“Amazing placements, stimulating environments, supportive staff, incredible teaching and learning, sums up my School Direct experience.”

“School Direct has been an amazing, life-changing experience for me. I have learnt so much and have truly been given wings to fly.”

“You have inspired and motivated me to be the best teacher I can be.”

“The outdoor learning is invaluable for teaching and learning. It has been fantastic to see how the outdoors can be used in all aspects of the curriculum. Thank you so much for your support and ideas – they will certainly influence my teaching practice.”

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