



# **APPLICATION PACK NURTURE TEACHER (PRIMARY/TRANSITIONS)**

Salary M1-UPS1  
£30,000 - £43,265  
Full Time

Closing date – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
School opens – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024



The Raise Academy, Naylor Road, Widnes,  
WA8 0B  
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# WHY THE RAISE ACADEMY IS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

The Raise Academy is a brand new school opening in September 2024. The school will specialise in supporting pupils aged 12-16 with social, emotional and mental health difficulties, primarily from the Halton and St Helens areas. The school will provide a calm, safe and welcoming environment for pupils that might have struggled to succeed in traditional educational settings.

The Raise Academy pupils will have the opportunity to be engaged in a wide range of vocational and practical subjects that will give them new opportunities to progress personally, socially and academically. The curriculum will be underpinned by high quality and supportive Maths, English and Science and all lessons will be taught in small classes of up to 8 pupils, with teachers, learning mentors and pastoral/teaching assistants.

Our vision for The Raise Academy is to work tirelessly to provide excellence for every student. We hope to capture a new found curiosity and imagination to help all become the best versions of themselves leading to high quality academic and vocational achievement and positive post-16 destinations.

The Raise Academy will also provide the opportunity for you as educators and those supporting education to make a real difference in an environment that supports your professional development.

I hope you will want to join our team to help shape our school and create an aspirational environment for our pupils. Please get in touch if you have any questions and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Eager, Headteacher**

# We are an employer of choice for teaching and support staff



## Anna (teacher)

I love working at The Axis Academy. Staff and pupils are a family, supporting each other, and celebrating successes. Lives are without doubt, transformed because of the Yes Trust.

## Rhiannon (teacher)

Coming from a mainstream background I was nervous but excited for the opportunity to truly support students and families. I can truly say that applying was one of the best things I have done. Not only are the children at the forefront of the school, but I feel staff are really listened to and supported.

- A teaching day that ends at 14.30
- Small class sizes
- Fantastic classroom support
- Access to training and CPD including further professional qualifications.
- Specialist training where required
- Cycle to work scheme
- Flexible and supportive approach to work
- Free lunch/ drinks – we eat with the children and take our break later
- Free parking (including charging stations on most sites)
- Nursery benefits
- Tusker car salary sacrifice scheme
- Education Mutual – **private health support** - access to a 24/7 GP, free face to face counselling, physiotherapy, nurse help-line, prescription service whenever you need it

## Our Trust

Together, we have developed a growing family of schools which makes a difference for children and young people. As we continue to set and raise the bar in all the work we undertake, we are keen to maintain our national recognition as one of the highest achieving alternative provision and SEN multi-academy trusts in the country.

Our ability to make that difference rests on our vision and our core values which include an absolute belief in the importance of collaboration and mutual support, and on our recognition of the trust as a family of schools in which colleagues are equally valued. We unashamedly use words like "kindness" and "compassion" in our values.

We want to continue this further, and to become the employer of choice for teaching and support staff across the region.



Nic Brindle, CEO

## Mission statement: Transforming lives

### We are:

- Child centred
- Adaptive and sensitive to need
- Authentic in our relationships (our core values)

### We strive for:

- Solution-focused mindsets
- A climate of reflection and feedback
- Intrinsic motivation
- Continual improvement
- A culture of collaboration

### Our minimum expectations of our staff are:

- Belief in our core values
- Professional conduct at all times
- Appropriate communication
- Ability to follow direction
- Kindness and compassion
- Flexibility and adaptability

# TEACHER VACANCIES - HOW TO APPLY

We are proud of our school. We encourage all applicants to view our website, contact us informally or visit us. To arrange this please contact: [HR@theyetrust.org](mailto:HR@theyetrust.org)

Please complete the Youth Engagement Schools Trust application form via the Every Portal ([link below](#))

## LINK - CANDIDATE PORTAL

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For queries or information – please contact [HR@theyetrust.org](mailto:HR@theyetrust.org)

# Job Description

## Core Teacher

**To deliver the vision, our subject teachers will work in collaboration with the Headteacher focusing on three key themes:**

### **1) Re-connecting, raising aspirations and motivating**

- A whole education, recognising that essential pre-cursors to academic success are personal and emotional development, independent living and decision-making skills and discovering meaningful interests and goals
- A personalised curriculum including specific engagement activities based on the interests of each individual learner
- Positive and trusted adult role models in the form of Learning Mentors and qualified teachers recruited for their enthusiasm for working with disconnected young people and their ability to understand and adapt, in order to meet the needs of the students
- Opportunities to support social and emotional needs through individualised programmes and a varied curriculum

### **2) Unlocking every child's potential**

- The curriculum will determine the knowledge and skills students will learn at each stage. It will be planned efficiently to deliver exceptional lessons where students make outstanding progress, and are able to relate their learning to the wider world
- Individualised learning programmes, based on the interests and skills of the students and which draw upon the diverse range of pastoral, vocational, engagement and personal and social development activities
- Small groups of students (max 1:10) with capability to offer 1 to 1 student support
- Practical application of knowledge to develop skills that prepare for accreditation and work towards independence and social integration

### **3) Recognising and celebrating achievement**

- Positive learning environments with praise for success and recognition of achievement
- Regular liaison with parents and carers to involve them fully in the education of their children including weekly progress telephone calls
- Celebration of success through weekly celebrations with students and staff rewards for targeted elements and high-profile annual celebration events
- Relevant vocational learning that broadens the curriculum we offer to students, providing the opportunity to support their classroom learning by gaining practical skills in the workplace and ultimately allowing them to achieve recognised qualifications

## **Key Priorities**

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- Support the vision and direction of the school
- Delivering the primary curriculum as intervention lessons for KS3 aged pupils, bridging gaps in learning, building confidence and self esteem
- Delivering a range of subjects including maths and English
- Encouraging the development of social skills and supporting students' individual needs
- Deliver and maintain effective learning and teaching throughout school
- Ensure effective pastoral care and behaviour support throughout the school
- To be responsible for the day-to-day impact of own subject across the curriculum
- Willingness to demonstrate a flexible approach to the curriculum to meet school requirements

## **Teaching and Learning**

Teachers at the academy will help secure and sustain effective teaching and learning throughout the Academy, monitor and evaluate progress and present students' achievements, effectively using benchmarks to track set targets for improvements. They will:

- Deliver teaching within the school and other subjects as and when required
- Support and maintain an environment and a code of behaviour and discipline which promotes and secures good teaching, effective learning and high standards of achievement
- Support and maintain the mental health and wellbeing of the students which promotes and secures good teaching, effective learning and high standards of achievement
- Help organise the curriculum and its assessment and work with the SLT to monitor and evaluate it in order to identify areas for improvement
- Ensure that the curriculum and assessments meet National Curriculum requirements
- Ensure that improvements in literacy and numeracy are priority targets for all students across school
- To liaise with the Academy's SENCO in order to identify students who require further support or intervention
- Deliver and support the PHSE and RHSE programmes across the school

### **Partnership Working**

- Support in establishing a culture and curriculum which fulfils the aims and requirements of the whole school community as set out in the vision
- Seek opportunities to invite parents and carers into the academy to enrich student experience and to promote the academy's value to the wider community
- Collaborate with staff, to actively promote British values, as well as the academic, spiritual, moral, social, emotional and cultural well-being of students and their families
- Represent the academy at relevant meetings, as and when required

### **Health and Safety / Child Protection**

- To help ensure that health and safety standards meet statutory requirements, monitoring health and safety matters within the school, particularly ensuring that all members of staff take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others
- To help ensure that Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures and Department of Health assessments of Children in Need are rigorously complied with, and that the welfare and health and safety of students are of prime consideration
- To promote the safety and well-being of students and staff
- To ensure good order and discipline of students and staff



# PERSON SPECIFICATION -CORE SUBJECT TEACHER

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	Evidence
<b>Qualifications/ Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Teacher Status (primary)</li> <li>• A degree or equivalent</li> <li>• Evidence of further professional development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognised behaviour / curriculum / SEMH qualification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• Certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	<p>Proven ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students</li> <li>• SEMH experience</li> <li>• Promote good student progress and outcomes</li> <li>• Demonstrate full primary curriculum knowledge</li> <li>• Plan and teach well-structured lessons</li> <li>• Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students</li> <li>• Use assessment effectively to inform student's progress and to analyse data to help the target setting process.</li> <li>• Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment</li> <li>• Fulfil wider professional responsibilities</li> <li>• Communicate and work effectively in a multi-disciplinary school team including parents/guardians and other external agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of having led whole school learning and teaching strategy.</li> <li>• Demonstration of high expectations</li> <li>• Success with students who are below expected levels</li> <li>• Work with disconnected students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment to school-wide focus on student attainment</li> <li>Ability to motivate and inspire</li> </ul>		
<b>Personal Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good organisational skills</li> <li>Generate enthusiasm for new ideas in both students and staff</li> <li>Communicate effectively to groups and individuals, orally and in writing</li> <li>Resolve conflict through active listening and negotiation</li> <li>Demonstrate a flexible approach and a willingness to listen to others</li> <li>Provide advice and guidance to parents and carers in a positive and clear manner</li> <li>Remain calm when working under pressure</li> <li>Ability to show patience and empathy</li> <li>Ability to analyse situations, prioritise and help to implement realistic solutions</li> <li>Ability to establish and develop good relationships with all involved in the school</li> <li>Willingness to deliver and support extra-curricular activities</li> <li>Ability to inspire all in a love of learning for your subject Evidence of understanding and commitment to equality of opportunity</li> <li>Respect for students' individual difference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of coaching and/or mentoring</li> <li>Able to effectively resolve personnel issues</li> <li>Training and understanding of child protection</li> <li>Training and experience of working with students with a variety of mental health needs</li> <li>Proven ability in leading a staff CPD session on a subject area</li> <li>Experience of supporting staff</li> <li>Effective liaison with Governors and a good understanding of their role</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application</li> <li>Interview</li> <li>References</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge and understanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate a good level and understanding of ICT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge and experience of current good practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application</li> <li>Interview</li> <li>References</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of how to deal with safeguarding issues in school</li> <li>• Awareness of current developments in education and the implications of these.</li> <li>• Understand how to plan appropriate interventions</li> <li>• Behaviour management techniques for groups and individuals</li> <li>• Know how to develop effective rapport with students, this being based on high expectations and establishing a purposeful learning environment</li> </ul>	<p>and development in special education provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of successful practice in teaching hard to reach students</li> <li>• Knowledge of how to promote independence for young people with complex needs</li> <li>• Behaviour Management training</li> <li>• Mental Health training</li> <li>• Knowledge and experience of supporting different aspects of SEND, including ASD, ADHD, SLCN</li> <li>• Knowledge of OFSTED Framework</li> </ul>	
<b>Securing Accountability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to delegate responsibility with accountability for area of responsibility</li> <li>• Communicate with staff teams effectively</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• References</li> </ul>
<b>Strengthening Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ability to establish and maintain positive partnerships with parents, students and communities</li> <li>• Commitment to the school's wider community</li> <li>• Awareness of the need to develop a school culture responsive to the nature of the school's communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in the wider community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>

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Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive recommendation from present employer</li> <li>• Adherence to standards established in Safer Recruitment guidance.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter</li> <li>• References</li> <li>• Pre-recruitment checks</li> </ul>

The successful candidate would be expected to maintain a well-organised, creative, safe and friendly environment for living and learning and hence enhance the ethos of the school. Candidates are asked to address as many of the person specifications as possible in their application.

# The Youth Engagement Schools Trust (YES TRUST)

## Safer Recruitment Policy Statement

The safe recruitment of staff in the YES Trust is the first step in the effective safeguarding and promotion of welfare for our children. The YES Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, and other workers in the YES Trust to share this commitment. It is recognised that this can only be achieved through sound procedures, good inter-agency co-operation and the recruitment and retention of competent, motivated employees who are suited to, and fulfilled in the roles they undertake.

The YES Trust recognises the value of, and seeks to achieve a diverse workforce which includes people from diverse backgrounds, with different skills and abilities. The YES Trust is committed to ensuring that the recruitment and selection of all who work within The YES Trust is conducted in a manner that is systematic, efficient, effective and promotes equality of opportunity. Selection will be on the basis of merit and ability, assessed against the qualifications, skills and competencies required to do the job. The YES Trust will uphold its obligations under law and national collective agreements to not discriminate against applicants for employment on the grounds of age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, or creed.

The YES Trust will implement robust recruitment procedures and checks for appointing staff and volunteers to ensure that reasonable steps are taken not to appoint a person who is unsuitable to work with children, or who is disqualified from working with children, or does not have the suitable skills and experience for the intended role.

The YES Trust will ensure that the terms of any contract with a contractor or agency requires them to adopt and implement measures described in this procedure. The YES Trust will monitor the compliance with these measures and require evidence that relevant checks have been undertaken for all workers deployed to The YES Trust.

The following pre-employment checks will be required:

- receipt of at least two satisfactory references as well as verification of the candidate's identity and a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check
- verification of the candidate's medical fitness
- verification of qualifications
- verification of professional status where required e.g. QTS status (unless properly exempt)

- the production of evidence of the right to work in the UK
- for teaching posts, verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999)

NB It is illegal for anyone who is barred from working with children to apply for, or work in our YES Trust in any voluntary or paid capacity.

\*In exceptional circumstances, where you have good reason not to want your referees to be contacted prior to interview, you should set out your reasons with your application form. The YES Trust will liaise with you and where they agree to defer in such cases, referees will be contacted immediately after interview and before an offer of employment is made.

The YES Trust maintains a single central record of recruitment and vetting checks, in line with the statutory requirements.

The YES Trust requires all staff and volunteers who are convicted or cautioned for any offence during their employment to notify the school, in writing of the offence and penalty.

All posts within the YES Trust are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all applicants will be required to declare spent and unspent convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as spent and have an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service Certificate.

The YES Trust is committed to ensuring that people who have been convicted are treated fairly and given every opportunity to establish their suitability for positions. Having a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining a position. This will depend on the background, nature, and circumstances of the offence(s). The YES Trust's Recruitment (pre-employment checks) Procedure outlines the considerations that will be taken into account when determining the relevance of a criminal record to the post.

The DBS has published a Code of Practice and accompanying explanatory guide. The YES Trust is committed to ensuring that it meets the requirements of the DBS in relation to the processing, handling, and security of Disclosure information.

A copy of the YES Trust's draft Safer Recruitment Policy & Procedures is available on request.