

Ormskirk, West Lancashire, Liverpool & Sefton



Farnborough Road Infant School is proud to be part of the OWLS Teacher Training Group – a School Direct Teacher Training Provider accredited by Edge Hill University.

OWLS and Edge Hill University offer a full time Primary Education Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Programme awarding up to 60 masters level credits and recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

#### WHAT DOES THE PGCE CONSIST OF?

- **Academic and Professional Development** – gaining knowledge of how children learn and how their needs differ, you will develop the core skills of planning, assessment, teaching and classroom management. You will also gain an understanding of the education system, consider the wider professional role of a teacher, and learn how to reflect upon and take responsibility for your professional development;
- **Curriculum Subject Knowledge** – working with expert tutors, you will acquire essential subject knowledge for the Primary National Curriculum. Exploring a range of teaching methods, including the use of ‘new’ technologies, you will be guided in how to provide children with stimulating, imaginative and effective learning experiences;
- **Specialism** – you will identify a specific focus of personal interest relevant to current issues, initiatives and discussions within your chosen specialism. You will conduct a literature review and develop proposals for school improvement.

#### WHY TRAIN WITH OWLS?

OWLS is a group of nine successful Primary Schools in Ormskirk, Wigan, Lancashire and Sefton working together to provide the teachers of tomorrow with outstanding ‘on the job’ training. The schools in the OWLS cluster are:

- Aughton Town Green Primary School
- Newburgh CE Primary School
- Bishop David Sheppard CE Primary School
- Farnborough Road Infant School
- Farnborough Road Junior School
- Aughton Christ Church CE School
- Aughton St. Michael’s CE School
- All Saints CE School, Hesketh Bank
- St Phillips C.E. School Litherland
- LIPA Primary School Liverpool

We run a challenging but rewarding School Direct PGCE programme which will help trainees secure deep and meaningful knowledge and understanding of teaching within primary education. The OWLS cluster is a dynamic group of schools offering a diverse range of contexts and training enhancements. OWLS consists of large schools, small schools, faith schools, community schools, forest schools, international schools, Early Years specialists as well as bespoke SEND departments ... to name but a few

Our staff have a long and successful history working closely in partnership with Edge Hill University. Edge Hill provides trainees with the academic bedrock of effective teaching and learning. In Edge Hill, trainees' knowledge and understanding of research, both as a consumer and a leader, will be deepened. Within tutor groups, trainees will engage in preparation for, and reflection of, their professional practices and plan next steps. The cohort is big enough to share ideas and experiences, but small enough to offer opportunities for truly tailored provision and personal support!

#### HOW TO APPLY

All applications have to be submitted through UCAS .

1. From main UCAS site log onto teacher training
2. Find a programme
3. OWLS can be found under North West
4. Complete application
5. If you would like any further information please contact Barbara Stevens at [b.stevens@googlemail.com](mailto:b.stevens@googlemail.com) or phone 07752810961.

#### SELECTION PROCESS

Application forms will be reviewed and successful candidates will be invited to an interview day. The day is designed to bring the best out in candidates and find out about their skills and knowledge which will enable them to become a great teacher. The interview day consists of the following elements:

- Short teaching task with a group of children
- Informal interview
- Written tests in Literacy, Numeracy and Science

Guidance on all aspects of the selection process can be provided on request.

Edge Hill University will be assisting throughout the day as will head teachers from all the cluster schools. The interviews will take place in different schools and locations within the OWLS cluster.

## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for candidates who will become enthusiastic, outstanding teachers with an ability to inspire our children with a love and a lifelong interest in learning. OWLS seeks resilient trainees with a passion, dedication and commitment to primary school education.

During the programme you will study a breadth of subjects, including all of the National Curriculum subjects, and you will specialise in one of the following:

- Computing
- English
- Humanities and Creative Arts
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Physical Education
- Science
- Special Educational Needs/Disabilities

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should be a graduate with preferably a 1st or a 2.1 though we are willing to consider applicants with a 2.2 who can demonstrate a real aptitude for teaching.

When you apply, you should already be able to demonstrate the following:

- 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;
- Suitable personal and presentational qualities, including a good standard of written English.

Before the programme commences, you must have:

- A first or second class Honours degree from a UK university;
- GCSE at grade C (or equivalent qualification) in English Language and Mathematics;
- GCSE at grade C (or equivalent qualification) in Combined Science / Physics / Chemistry / Biology

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.

If you are interested in applying but would like further information or if you have any questions or would like to come and see one of our schools, don't hesitate to contact Barbara Stevens (OWLS Leader) on 07752810961 or email [b.stevens082@googlemail.com](mailto:b.stevens082@googlemail.com)

Further information on School Direct may be found on Edge Hill University website or on the UCAS website.

