



Letter from the CEO: An Introduction to our Trust

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for taking the time to look at our advert which is a new and unique opportunity arising within the Trust. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and introduce you to Reach South Academy Trust.

We are a family of schools that work in collaboration for the benefit of all our pupils and students. We strongly believe that our charitable objectives, to advance education in the UK, are best realised through collaboration, not only within the Trust but also beyond the Trust, where it brings educational benefit to children and young people.

Reach South was established in 2016 to provide primary, secondary, and special education in the Southwest of England. Our academies are part of the wider REACH family that includes REACH2 Academy Trust that operates in the Midlands and Southeast of England. The two Trusts are independent of each other but share a common set of values: REACH – raising educational achievement of children.

The Trust currently operates 15 academies in Bournemouth, Plymouth, Gloucestershire, and Wiltshire. Between them, our academies serve pupils and students aged from 3-years old to 19-years old. We operate: 10 primary academies; two all-through 4-16 academies; the University Technical College in Plymouth; and our special academies, Springfields, for children with autism related conditions sited in Calne and Salisbury and Peak Academy in Gloucester, for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs.

Reach South Academy Trust exists to provide schools that serve their local community, offering parents and guardians access to the highest quality of local schools for their children. We are developing Reach South on a clear set of values, curriculum principles and organisational behaviours. At the heart of those values is a belief in our young people and a determination to support them to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become the successful citizens for today and all their tomorrows. Our vision is to enable individual academies to flourish whilst also ensuring a strong ethos of support and collaboration across our schools. No child's aspirations should be limited by the expectations of others.

Teachers within Reach South 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 can 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 can 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.

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