



Victoria  
ACADEMIES TRUST

**UPS Class Teacher with TLR**

**Poppyfield Academy, Cannock**

# **Recruitment Pack**

*Full Time and Permanent from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025*

*Pay scale: Teacher Upper Pay scale*

*TLR 2b: £2500*

#BeTheBestYouCanBe

# Welcome From the CEO

## **Thank you for your interest in joining the team at Victoria Academies Trust.**

*I am delighted that you are interested in working with us. Victoria Academies Trust is a primary-only trust, based in the West Midlands consisting of a mix of sponsor, converter and free schools. We currently have ten schools open; nine mainstream and one special school.*

*Victoria Academies Trust was set up in 2014 with the sole aim **‘to make our people the best they can be’**. We are passionate about making a difference to the lives of our pupils, families and colleagues. We want to inspire our young people to achieve more than they imagine possible, and having the right people in every role across our schools is an important part of making our vision become reality.*

*We have a strong board of trustees who work closely with the trust executive team to focus on our goals of investing in our school communities, growing and valuing our colleagues and preparing our children for the future. This ensures that our schools are on a continual journey to the be best they can be. We currently educate over 3200 pupils across the primary age range, and employ over 500 colleagues across our schools and in our trust central team.*

*We may be ten schools, but our vision and values run through our Trust and we truly are a family, united in our ambition for our people **‘To Be The Best They Can Be’**.*

## *The opportunity:*

*We are looking to recruit a permanent, full time UPS class teacher with TLR at Poppyfield Academy, Cannock from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.*

*Full downloadable recruitment forms can be found on our website at [Job Vacancies \(victoriaacademiestrust.org\)](https://victoriaacademiestrust.org)*

*We are committed to flexible working and are happy to have discussions with prospective candidates.*



**Sharron Philpot**

**CEO**

**Victoria Academies Trust**



# About Us

Our

## Mission

*Our mission is our reason for being - it is simply: to make our people the best they can be.*

Our people are our colleagues, our pupils, our governors and our school communities - we work with and empower our people to be the best they can be.

Our

## Vision

*Our vision is the picture we paint, the future we want to create, based on our mission.*

**We are a family of schools, united in our passion for inspiring pupils to achieve more than they imagine possible.**

**We have a positive influence on children's lives in areas where we can make the most difference.**

**We are ambitious for our children. Our high expectations of them, the memorable experiences and opportunities they have in our schools, along with the kindness and compassion which is at the centre of our Trust means that they will be successful in whatever they choose for their future.**

**We are at the heart of our communities; a place where local people can turn to for help, support and guidance, working with us for the greater good of our shared community.**

**We are aspirational for our people, who are given opportunities to grow, develop and become experts in their chosen fields.**

**Our people feel valued and supported; they show ambition, courage and resilience, but most of all are kind and respectful.**

## Our Values

Our Values are important to us and guide our behaviours, our relationships and the way we work together. They define how we want to be.

These values of **Unity, Integrity, Courage, Curiosity and Excellence**, along with our commitment to strong ethical leadership ensure that we build a positive and powerful legacy to be proud of.



### Unity

We know that by working together, we are stronger than working alone. We work together as a family, united in our shared responsibility to achieve our mission.



### Integrity

We show integrity by being honest, truthful, and transparent; always doing what we believe is right and true. We show kindness and respect by treating others with dignity, empathy, and understanding.



### Courage

We show courage by being ambitious, challenging ourselves and others to achieve more. We take on challenges with enthusiasm, determination, and resilience, learning from failures.



### Curiosity

We show curiosity by having a passion to learn, explore, and discover new things and new ways of working. We are innovative and ambitious, always seeking to be even better.



### Excellence

We have a strong commitment to continuous improvement, a willingness to learn and a dedication to becoming the best we can be.

# What we can offer you

Joining Victoria Academies Trust means becoming part of a vibrant and dedicated community that is committed to ensuring colleagues are supported 'To Be They Best They Can Be'

This is what we can offer you:



## Competitive Pay Scales

- **Transparent Salary Framework:** We offer clear and transparent pay scales, aligned to government recommended pay, that reflect your experience and expertise.
- **Annual Pay Review:** Commitment to regular reviews to ensure our salaries remain aligned to government recommended scales for teaching and non-teaching staff.



## Generous Pension Scheme

- **Teachers' Pension Scheme:** Benefit from one of the most generous pension schemes in the UK.
- **Local Government Pension Scheme:** Our support staff are enrolled in the LGPS, which is a secure and flexible pension plan that provides a valuable package of retirement and death in service benefits.
- **Employer Contributions:** We make significant employer contributions to your pension, helping you plan for the future with confidence.



## Professional Development

- **Tailored Growth:** Benefit from our bespoke professional development programmes, designed to help you reach your career goals.
- **Access to over 100 tailored CPD courses** through a mix of flexible webinars and online or face to face opportunities.
- **Opportunities to network** with likeminded individuals- through networks, meetings and our annual Whole Trust Conference.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** With a clear pathway for progression, you have the chance to advance into leadership roles within our trust – both as teaching and non-teaching colleagues.



## Well-being and Support

- **Work-Life Balance:** We support a healthy work-life balance with flexible working options and a commitment to you through our Flexible Working Policy and People Strategy.
- **Health and Wellness:** Access to our comprehensive wellbeing and benefits scheme which includes counselling services, discounts on gym membership, childcare voucher scheme, cycle to work scheme and lifestyle voucher scheme.
- **Paid expenses** in line with HMRC guidance – and access to **free parking** on site at our schools.
- **Dedicated technology** – To enable to to fulfil your role effectively.
- **Dedicated shared working spaces** allowing colleagues to collaborate and work in way that suits them.
- **Generous holiday allowance** – many of our roles are term time only contracts.



## Community and Culture

- **Collaborative Environment:** Thrive in our culture of teamwork and support, where ideas are shared and successes celebrated.
- **Community Impact:** Make a real difference in our local communities through various outreach and engagement activities and events.

**We are proud to offer a fantastic and supportive working environment where our passion for inspiring our children to achieve more than they imagine possible is at the heart of everything we do.**

**If you're ready to make a significant impact and grow with us, we would love to welcome you to our team**

# Our Schools, Our Journey



2012

Victoria Park  
Primary becomes  
Victoria Park  
Academy



2014

Victoria  
Academies Trust  
founded



2014

Rowley Park  
Academy,  
Staffordshire join  
as first sponsor  
school



2014

Devonshire  
Infant and Junior  
Academies,  
Sandwell join as  
converter schools



2017

Birchen Coppice  
Academy,  
Worcestershire  
join as a sponsor  
academy



2016

Fibbersley Park  
Academy, Walsall  
join as a sponsor  
academy



2015

Northfield  
Manor Academy,  
Birmingham join  
as a converter  
academy



2018

Foley Park  
Academy,  
Worcestershire  
join as a converter  
academy



2019

Poppyfield  
Academy,  
Staffordshire  
opens as our first  
Free School



2022

Elm Tree  
Academy,  
Sandwell opens  
as our first SEND  
Free School





# Role Overview

*Class Teacher and Maths subject leader -  
Poppyfield Academy*

*Full Time and Permanent from 1st  
September 2025*

*Pay scale: Teacher Upper Pay scale*

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Poppyfield Academy is a one form school in Cannock which became part of the Victoria Academies Trust in 2019. We are a close-knit family of schools who share a passion for powerful, immersive and creative learning. Poppyfield Academy is a well-resourced free school in an attractive environment.

We are looking to appoint an experienced UPS class teacher to work within the school and teach the first year 6 class. The candidate will also become the schools maths subject leader and part of the middle management team.

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and highly motivated teachers who are:

- Creative thinker, passionate, committed and have the determination to secure the best possible outcomes for every child
- Energetic, positive and have the ability to work effectively as part of our team
- Willing to go the extra mile to make great things happen for our children

As a school, we can offer the successful candidate:

- A commitment to continuing professional development
- A supportive and hardworking staff team who are united in their drive to ensure children achieve the very best outcomes academically and socially
- Friendly and happy children who are keen and eager to learn

Poppyfield Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For further information please contact Mrs Doyle (Business Support Officer/PA to Headteacher) on 01543 758030 or via email

[postbox@poppyfieldacademy.org.uk](mailto:postbox@poppyfieldacademy.org.uk).

Please return completed applications marked for the attention of Headteacher Mrs Scordis, Poppyfield Academy, Bishop Street, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 4RY or to the email address.

Closing Date: Friday 16th May 2025  
12noon

Interviews: Thursday 22nd May 2025

There is an expectation that candidates will be observed teaching





# Job Description

## Responsibilities of the role

### Class teacher and Maths Subject Leader

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*School: Poppyfield Primary Academy*

*Post title: Class Teacher and Maths subject Leader*

*Responsible to: Head Teacher*

*Commencement date: September 2025*

*General professional duties and responsibilities:*

*The postholder is required to carry out under the reasonable direction of the Head Teacher, the professional duties of a teacher which are set out in the relevant paragraphs of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and any subsequent amendments.*

*The postholder must at all times carry out her/his responsibilities with due regard to the Trust's policies including the Equal Opportunities Policy.*

*Particular responsibilities (that do not include or imply any voluntary activities)*

To be agreed in conjunction with the needs of the school.

- To plan, implement and deliver an appropriate curriculum to meet the needs of all pupils in their class
- Display sound subject knowledge appropriate to the KS2 curriculum
- Be responsible for the learning achievement of all pupils in the class
- To promote progress and well-being of every child in the class
- Work proactively and effectively in collaboration and partnership with learners, parents/carers, academy councillors, other staff and external agencies in the best interest of pupils
- Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people within the school
- Contribute to the curriculum development that is in line with the trust approach and values
- Coordinate and manage an effective learning environment for pupils which is positive, safe, stimulating and promotes the wellbeing of all pupils
- Ensure the effective and efficient use of any support staff that are supporting teaching and learning in the classroom
- Set regular opportunities for home learning

- Implement and follow Trust and school policies and procedures
- Maintain appropriate records and provide accurate information on pupil progress and other relevant matters as required by the school
- To assess, record and report on attendance, progress, development and attainment of pupils
- Provide feedback to pupils work in line with school policy and use this to inform future planning and teaching
- Report to parents on the development, progress and attainment of pupils
- To take part in the school's professional development programme by participating in arrangements and opportunities for continuous professional development.

#### Subject Leader

- To develop subjects in accordance with available guidelines and ensuring all recommendations of the National Curriculum are fulfilled.
- Keeping abreast of current practice in subjects and disseminating information about development to other members of staff.
- To organise and maintain resources throughout the school.
- Review policy and scheme with the Head on an annual basis.
- To attend courses relevant to the teaching and learning of subjects.
- To identify staff development needs in subjects and liaise with Headteacher
- To monitor subjects planning, teaching and pupil's work throughout the school.
- To lead staff training and support for maths across the school
- To attend middle management meetings

#### **Note**

*1. This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. The particular duties and responsibilities listed above may be subject to reasonable change from time to time following consultation between the Headteacher with the postholder.*

# Person Specification

## Teacher- Poppyfield Academy

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of continuous professional learning and development.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge, understanding and experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Class Teacher should have knowledge and understanding of:</li> <li>• the theory and practice of providing effectively for the individual needs of all children (e.g. classroom organisation and learning strategies);</li> <li>• statutory National Curriculum requirements at the appropriate key stage;</li> <li>• the monitoring, assessment, recording and reporting of pupils' progress;</li> <li>• the statutory requirements of legislation concerning Equal Opportunities, Health &amp; Safety, SEND and Child Protection;</li> <li>• the positive links necessary within school and with all its stakeholders;</li> <li>• effective teaching and learning styles.</li> <li>• Experience of teaching Year 6 and supporting and administering SATs</li> <li>• Experience of leading a subject across a Primary school</li> <li>• Experience of leading on staff development and training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition, the Class Teacher might also have knowledge and understanding of:</li> <li>• the preparation and administration of statutory National Curriculum tests;</li> <li>• the links between schools, especially in a multi-academy trust;</li> <li>• Experience of leading a core subject</li> </ul>
<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Class Teacher will be able to:</li> <li>• promote the trust's vision and values positively;</li> <li>• develop good personal relationships within a team;</li> <li>• establish and develop close relationships with parents, governors and the community;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition, the Class Teacher might also be able to:</li> <li>• develop strategies for creating community links;</li> <li>• undertake action research;</li> <li>• use digital technology to enrich learning</li> </ul>

	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>communicate effectively (both orally and in writing) to a variety of audiences;</i></li> <li>• <i>create a happy, challenging and effective learning environment.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Personal and professional qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Values-led</i></li> <li>• <i>Approachable</i></li> <li>• <i>Committed</i></li> <li>• <i>Courageous</i></li> <li>• <i>Enthusiastic</i></li> <li>• <i>Organised</i></li> <li>• <i>Patient</i></li> <li>• <i>Resourceful</i></li> <li>• <i>Kind</i></li> </ul>	

*\*Note: Due to the nature of how a multi-academy trust operates there is an expectation that all staff are willing and able to travel across the MAT (via their own car) to provide school-to-school support from time to time, as required. This means that a clean driving licence and acceptance of these terms is essential. Travel expenses will be reimbursed at the agreed rate.*

## Safeguarding

*Victoria Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to provide references, undertake an enhanced check through the Disclosure and Barring Service, and comply with the Safeguarding Policy and child protection practices of the Trust.*

## Equalities:

*Victoria Academies Trust has a strong commitment to achieving equality of opportunity in its academies and in the employment of people. The post will ensure that the Trust meets its statutory obligations in relation to all aspects of equalities legislation.*

## Flexible Working:

*Victoria Academies Trust is committed to ensuring that all colleagues have working conditions that meet their own needs, as well as the needs of their schools and children. Details of our Flexible working policy can be found on our website: [VAT-Flexible-Working-Policy-v1.0-.pdf](#) ([victoriaacademiestrust.org](http://victoriaacademiestrust.org))*





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