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TEACHING SCHOOL HUB

GET SCHOOL EXPERIENCE GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

Advertise school experience days at your school

Publish school experience days at your school on the Manage School Experience service.

[Manage School Experience service: information for schools - GOV.UK](#)

Advertise school experience on your website, showing the days and times that your school offers experience days.

Include the link to the Get School Experience website where candidates can find your school and book on.

[Get school experience - GOV.UK](#)



Adapt these words to suit your school:

Gaining experience in schools is an essential part of preparing to apply for teacher training. School Experience Days give you hands on opportunities to work with pupils in the age range you wish to teach, helping you decide if teaching is the right path for you.

You'll be welcomed into schools, meet passionate educators, and experience the excitement of teaching and learning first hand. Each School Experience Day is designed to be interactive, engaging, and enjoyable.

During your visit, you'll observe a range of classes across different age groups, seeing what daily life is really like for teachers. This experience gives you valuable insight into the profession before you apply, helping you make an informed decision about your next steps. Classroom experience also strengthens your teacher training application.

When to get school experience.

If you're thinking about a career in teaching, it's a good idea to complete school experience before applying for teacher training.

Eligibility

You can request school experience if you:

- Are aged 18 or over
- Have a degree (or are studying for one)
- Have the right to work in the UK

Why gain school experience?

School experience helps you learn more about teaching by visiting real classrooms. It can help you:

- Decide if a career in teaching is right for you
- Discover whether you'd prefer to teach primary or secondary
- Build a relationship with a school you might want to work at in the future
- Learn more about teacher training programmes, including application and interview tips

What to expect.

School experience typically lasts one or two days. Some schools may also offer virtual options.

During your experience, you may:

- Shadow experienced teachers in action
- Observe engaging lessons and school activities
- Talk with current staff about their experiences and what teaching is really like
- See firsthand the rewards and challenges of today's classrooms
- Learn how teachers manage their classes
- Discover how specific subjects are taught
- Interact with pupils
- Ask staff your questions about the profession
- Get practical advice on the application process, training routes, and tips for success

Find school experience

Use this service to:

- Find schools offering experience opportunities.
- Submit a request to the school you want to visit:

[Search for school experience](#)

A significant part of your experience will involve observing lessons. Observation is an essential skill in learning to teach. While experienced teachers often make it look easy, it can take practice to identify what makes a lesson effective. Watching a variety of teachers with a clear focus can help you break down the elements of strong teaching and understand how they work together.



School Experience Day Structure.

- You will receive notification from the *get school experience* portal
- You must respond to this providing the applicant with details of the date(s) and times and the following information can also be sent to them via email
- You could get in touch with your local ITT provider to ask if they could carry out a Teams briefing with the candidates during the day

Email to applicant must cover:

- Dress code
- Safeguarding policy
- Mobile phone policy
- Confidentiality
- Car parking instructions
- Structure of the day
- Bring own lunch

In school preparation before the day:

- Inform reception staff of applicant's arrival time, name and designated person to receive them
- Designate a member of staff who knows your training programme or routes into teaching, to run the day
- Inform teachers of when applicant will be present in their classroom
- Inform the pupils of the visit to their classroom
- Book a room for break, lunch and feedback session

Suggested structure of a typical School Experience day:

9am	Arrive and sign in at school reception
9.10am	Welcome to school; mobile phone policy, fire evacuation and safeguarding procedures. Meet the Head or a member of SLT. Meet an ECT to do a short 'Why I teach' briefing.
9.40am	The structure of the day, how to observe lessons and a tour of the school.
10.30am	Comfort break
10.50am	Lesson 1 (across a Key Stage)
11.40am	Lesson 2
12.30pm	Lunch
1.00pm	Lesson 3 (different Key Stage)
2.30pm	Collect from classroom, discussion about what they have observed. Discuss routes into teaching, application process, personal statement advice and interview tips and next steps.
3.00pm	Escort to reception (with "Apply" application code for your setting or the local ITT provider).

Useful quotes for your website, newsletters or social media:

What Trainees say about their experience with School Experience Days

"Very helpful. Great insight into how teaching will look like. The staff are all passionate and lovely."

"It was really helpful to see the lessons happening in SCHOOL NAME despite having an offer already. Seeing how different subjects handle pupils was informative, and we had conversations about how each one went. Thank you to everyone involved with the trainees; it was a really good session and I can't wait to hopefully get started!! :)"

"I found going into classrooms to observe a lesson very helpful as it helped me to really understand the general guidelines and practices of effective teaching and helped me feel more confident about my future career. I'm glad I came in for the school experience day as it was very beneficial for my experience with teaching."

"It was really helpful to understand more about the training programme and have the opportunity to speak with teachers and current trainees."