Recruitment Pack

Role: HR Business Partner

Closing date: 1st August 2025

Interview Date: 7th or 8th August 2025



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**Message from Rebecca Meredith CEO**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in working with Transform.

The recruitment pack should give you all the information needed, if you should need anything further please do not hesitate to ask or refer to our website <https://www.transformtrust.co.uk/> or the relevant school website for additional information.

At Transform, children come first. We have four Transform values: Respect, Kindness, Equity and Creativity. We believe that when every member of Transform lives by these then we will fulfill our aspiration “Together we Achieve”.

Each and every member of the Transform team is the key to our continued success. We passionately believe in your professional learning, offer a wide range of employee benefits and actively listen to your feedback.

Children only get one opportunity at accessing an excellent education in order to grow into successful, happy and fulfilled adults. Join Transform and collectively we can ensure the children get the educational experience they deserve.

I hope that you find the information enclosed useful in your consideration of joining such a special extended family. I wish you every success and look forward to meeting and working with you.

All the very best.

Rebecca Meredith

CEO – Transform Trust

**2. Transform Trust**

We are an innovative Multi Academy Trust, established in 2013. Rebecca Meredith CBE arrived at Sneinton St Stephens C of E Primary as Head in 2002 when the school was in Special Measures and took it on an improvement journey to Outstanding. Building from this, Rebecca founded the Transform Teaching School with initially 10 member schools in Nottingham City, the aim to share and develop school to school support across like-minded professionals. Transform Trust was then founded in 2013, based on the principles of the Teaching School around sharing best practice

We currently have over 9,300 children in 26 Primary schools covering Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire. We employ over 1,420 staff and enjoy a high staff satisfaction rate. We like to think our values and ethos set us apart from other Trusts in that we have a strong focus on empowering our member schools to drive their improvement journey whilst maintaining their own individual identity and community focus

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| School | LA | Date joined Transform | Current Ofsted grading |
| Abbey Hill Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 April 2024 | Good (April 2023) |
| Allenton Community Primary | Derby | 1 January 2015 | Good (April 2023) |
| Ashbrook Junior | Derbyshire | 1 September 2020 | Good (June 2023) |
| Breadsall Hill Top Primary | Derby | 1 July 2017 | Good (October 2021) |
| Brierley Forest Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 October 2022 | Inadequate (November 2021 |
| Brocklewood Primary | Nottingham | 1 January 2015 | Good (March 2023) |
| Bulwell St Mary’s C of E Primary | Nottingham | 1 August 2016 | Good (Oct 2024) |
| Burford Primary | Nottingham | 1 August 2016 | Good (May 2019) |
| Cantrell | Nottingham | 1 March 2025 | Inadequate (March 2024) |
| Edale Rise Primary | Nottingham | 1 April 2014 | Good (June 2023) |
| Highbank Primary | Nottingham | 1 October 2013 | Good (Feb 2023) |
| Holgate Primary | Nottingham | 1 June 2025 | Good (July 2023) |
| Lawn Primary | Derby | 1 December 2019 | Outstanding (June 2024) |
| King Edward Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 June 2024 | Good (July 2023) |
| Parkdale Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 July 2018 | Good (November 2022) |
| Pear Tree Community Junior | Derby | 1 July 2017 | Good (November 2021) |
| Ravensdale Junior | Derby | 1 September 2019 | Good (September 2023) |
| Robert Shaw Primary | Nottingham | 1 June 2017 | Good (September 2021) |
| Rosslyn Park Primary | Nottingham | 1 January 2015 | Good (October 2023) |
| Sneinton St Stephen’s C of E Primary | Nottingham | 1 January 2013 | Outstanding (January 2024) |
| South Wilford Endowed C of E Primary | Nottingham | 1 January 2018 | Good (December 2022) |
| Sutton Road Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 August 2024 | Good ( March 2019) |
| Whitegate Primary | Nottingham | 1 July 2017 | Good (September 2021) |
| William Booth Primary | Nottingham | 1 June 2017 | Good (October 2021) |
| Woodland View Primary | Nottinghamshire | 1 May 2023 | Requires Improvement (April 2019) |
| Zaytouna Primary | Derby | 1 September 2018 | Good (September 2023) |

Through our Trust, we offer unrivalled opportunities for professional development and networking, from specialist leadership support and mentoring for our Headteachers to bespoke CPD for teaching and support staff. This is through Transform’s unique and highly regarded CPD offer Transform Applied [www.transformapplied.co.uk](http://www.transformapplied.co.uk).

In 2021 the Teaching School model was changed nationally so although no longer a Teaching School we now work closely with Flying High Teaching School Hub. We are also strategic partners in East Midlands Maths Hub and Derby Research School. Our links with the Flying High Teaching School Hub, allows us to offer access to a comprehensive range of professional development, research and innovative programmes and networks from initial teacher training to Senior Leader development as well as special events designed to inspire and motivate.

We have cultivated a strong supportive environment for our schools that utilises the collective skills and knowledge of our independent-minded Headteachers and practitioners, enabling our schools to achieve high educational standards.

Centrally, we have a team of Governance, Safeguarding, Programme / Project, Finance and Human Resources specialists who ensure all the functions of the Trust operate effectively and efficiently. Each service area has an Executive Lead responsible for setting the strategy for improvement and development.

**Our Purpose**

To be an innovative and inclusive Trust working for all children.

**Our Vision**

As a Trust we are committed to transforming the lives of all of the children in our schools and enabling them to achieve to their full potential. We recognise that supporting and developing all staff within our schools is vital to that aim. To that end, we have created a nurturing, inclusive culture that places great value on the support, empowerment and development of all staff within our family of schools.

**Our Values**

Our values are woven into all aspects of our organisation; its strategy, operations and provision, and are a clear and concise articulation of our purpose:

Respect,

Kindness,

Equity,

Creativity

Key facts:

* We host a Children’s Parliament, Children’s Celebration, Sports and Arts festivals and work together to support children and families with SEND – we care passionately about the whole child.
* Our unique Trust Guardians group provides school support, guidance and challenge to ensure children are kept safe, attend, have equal access and their welfare promoted.
* We employ over 1420 staff and enjoy a high staff satisfaction rate. We recognise that our school leaders and teams are our most important resource and we value their work, passion and commitment. We recognise the importance of staff welfare and a managed workload, and the place that wellbeing plays in the recruitment and retention of staff.
* We don’t operate performance related pay for Main Pay Scale teachers- you will increment each September up to Main pay point 6 unless significant concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management / appraisal cycle and have not been addressed through support provided by the school by the conclusion of that process. Thereafter you must apply to move through threshold.
* Support staff increment each April up to the maximum point for their grade
* We undertake an annual staff survey plus termly shorter surveys to gather your views and make changes to help shape our Trust.
* We encourage staff to undertake training and development, and where appropriate, to explore new challenges within their own school or through opportunities for secondments or promotions to other schools within the Trust. Professional development is key to our success. We work closely with Flying High Teaching School Hub and other strategic partners to produce bespoke CPD.
* We encourage the sharing of good practice between schools and have set up Professional Learning Communities (network groups) and partnerships to support this. We have a well-developed secondment policy and system across the Trust that allows opportunities for people to develop their potential in a different role.
* Running through our core principles is the FED style of leadership (Future, Engage Deliver) and we work closely with the founder, Steve Radcliffe to deliver this.
* Prior to Covid we held a whole Trust Inset day each October where we come together to “learn together”
* We are clear about our expectations of employees and offer a transparent and supportive working culture in return.
* We offer staff benefits such as 24/7/365 employee welfare support; tax saving salary sacrifice schemes; a staff benefits scheme that offers a host of benefits and discounts, discounted gym/leisure membership at some local authority run leisure centres, free eye tests for those who use VDU equipment; we offered ‘flu jabs for staff this year and actively seek employee views on what they would like as part of an employee benefits package.
* We have a highly-skilled team that offer Trust schools tailored teaching and learning and leadership support. The team work directly with schools and facilitate collaborative planning and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) across the Trust through our high regarded CPD service www.transformapplied.co.uk.
* Our dedicated Trust Associates deliver a comprehensive annual calendar of over 40 high quality CPD programmes meeting the needs of our staff. These include coaching, reading specialist, TA workshops, mastery maths, early years leadership, curriculum development, NQTs and digital teach-meets.
* We have Lead Associates driving key strategic areas such as Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Talent, Wellbeing and Early Career Teaching as well as a Lead Associate driving the development of Transform Applied.
* Access to apprenticeship levy funded training to enhance our CPD offering.
* Transform has trained over 100 new teachers through our School Direct partnership with the University of Nottingham. In 2019 we established School Direct Derby in partnership with the University of Derby.
* We also run ECT Programmes to nurture and develop our early career teachers working in partnership with Flying High Teaching School Hub.
* In 2017 we launched our Transform Enrichment Diploma (TED) which provides an age-related framework for enrichment to access a range of activities to develop skills, talents and character for all our pupils.

Access to our policies including child protection and safeguarding; health and safety; and recruitment and selection can be found on our website <https://www.transformtrust.co.uk/policies/>

**3. About the Role**

**Transform Trust HR Business Partner**

**Full time (37 hours / Flexible to suit)**

**Salary: Transform Trust central team pay scale**

**Rank 4 points 1-6 £42,429 - £46,431 per annum FTE.**

**Start date: ASAP**

The central HR team within the People at Transform is a small, experienced and supportive team who provide an essential service to our schools and the Trust’s Head Office. Due to growth we wish to move to a Partnership approach where each Business Partner will deliver a comprehensive HR service to a group of 8-10 schools, working closely with individual school leaders and the schools within their Partnership group. You will also work on national Trust wide projects and initiatives. The key will be to coach, support and enable highly effective practice at school level.

The role is fast paced, wide-ranging and varied so flexibility and a willingness to learn new things is a must. You will ideally be CIPD qualified or have significant experience in dealing with complex employee relations cases, up to and including dismissal (e.g. disciplinary, grievance, absence, capability) plus re-structures and TUPE conversions, all within an education or similar setting. You should be up to date and familiar with employment law and best practice.  
  
Flexible working is a feature of this role, including an option to work partially from home, flexible start and finish times or term time only will be considered. The successful candidate will be an integral part of the head office team. In order to successfully provide business partner support there will be a requirement for the postholder to travel to schools within their partnership area, therefore being Nottingham based is not essential as we cover North Nottinghamshire and Derby Schools.

Ideally you will:

* Have substantial experience of providing effective and practical advice around the full range of complex employee relations case work (grievance, disciplinary, health & absence management, performance management, LADO referrals), working with trade unions, and advising managers on a breadth of people issues, up to & including dismissal
* Experience of handling significant change processes, including restructure / redundancy, and TUPE transfers.
* High level of knowledge & understanding of policy, procedure, employment law and good practice in relation to education HR.
* Be an experienced individual with drive and enthusiasm to work as a valued member of the team with a strong focus on working together to achieve results.
* Have a real passion for working within an education environment, able to influence and provide support locally to schools
* Can build strong collaborative relationships and credibility with both central Head Office and school-based colleagues as well as being able to coach and support others.
* Have a solution focussed approach, keen to support our schools to fulfil their school improvement plans through their staffing
* Be able to use data to inform thinking and strategy;

**If this sounds like the role for you and you would like to know more, please email** [**hradmin@transformtrust.co.uk**](mailto:hradmin@transformtrust.co.uk) **to arrange an informal chat with one of the team.**

**How to apply**

Please complete the online application form which you will find on the Transform Trust website

https://transformtrust.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies

Any questions or queries should be directed to Emma Salmon on emma.salmon@transformtrust.co.uk

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**Transform Trust** is a Trust with over 9,300 children in 26 Primary Schools covering Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire. Joining us, you will be part of an ambitious and innovative organisation. We promote and embrace the local autonomy of each of our schools and we are an enabling organisation rather than a directive one.

We believe education has the power to transform lives and communities. Our Vision is to provide high quality education and deliver the best outcomes for children.

We can offer you:

* A friendly, welcoming team who will support your introduction and development in role.
* Unrivalled opportunities for professional development through our schools and Transform Applied, Transform’s unique and high regarded CPD service [www.transformapplied.co.uk](http://www.transformapplied.co.uk)
* Trust support networks;
* Access to the Trust’s developmental Talent Pool;
* An opportunity to influence strategic Trust-wide groups such as Guardians (Safeguarding), Sustainability (Environmental impact), DEIB and Wellbeing strategy across the Trust.
* Staff benefits such as 24/7/365 employee welfare support; tax saving salary sacrifice schemes; a staff benefits scheme that offers a host of benefits and discounts
* Annual staff survey to allow you to provide us with feedback on what it’s like to work for us
* Children’s/staff events which celebrates the successes and achievements of our children and staff

All school roles are classed as regulated activity and as such, it is an offence to apply to for this role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children

**Transform Trust and its schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This appointment is subject to safer recruitment procedures, including satisfactory references, medical, Enhanced DBS with children’s barred list clearance and completion of safeguarding children in education training**

**4. Job Description**

**Job Description**

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| **Transform Trust** |
| **Post Title: HR Business Partner** |
| **Grade/Pay Range: Rank 4 points 1-6 £42,429 - £46,431 per annum** |
| **Hours/weeks: Full time, all year round (or term time only if preferred)** |
| **Reporting to: Trust Director of HR** |
| **Department/Team: Trust People Team** |

**Overall Purpose of Post**

To support the operational and transactional HR function for the Trust, providing clear and consistent guidance, professional support and advice to Headteachers, senior leaders and Governors across the full range of HR activity.

You will build valued partnerships with both Trust and School based senior leaders to proactively advise them on all areas of generalist HR, providing reliable and accurate casework advice. You will be involved in a number of HR related projects, advise on re-structures and workforce planning solutions as well as become involved in developing robust HR systems and processes that support the growth of the Trust.

Our values driven Trust puts children first in everything we do. You will need to understand how the work that the People Team does helps to underpin the values, aims and ethos of the Trust enabling the best educational opportunities for the children in our schools.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

You will be required to carry out the following duties. The nature of the Academy year requires some of these tasks to be done regularly whilst others will be on an annual cycle. The post holder will be expected to use all Trust standard computer hardware and software packages where appropriate. Specific responsibilities include:

* Develop effective working relationships with Trust / School Leadership Teams and staff, providing sound and professional advice, guidance and coaching on HR policies, procedures, ’people issues’ and best practice to a designated partnership group of schools
* Responsible for proactively supporting schools with management of sickness absence casework including providing advice and support to managers in respect of short term and long term sickness absence and health issues.
* Develop and maintain positive working relationships with local Trade Union representatives in order to provide a means for effective consultation.
* Manage and advise on complex employee relations cases, up to and including dismissal (e.g. disciplinary, grievance, absence, capability)
* To monitor and evaluate HR related risks across a partnership group of schools, escalating specific issues where appropriate.
* Resolve policy queries and other matters escalated from school-based colleagues, ensuring good practice and compliance in line with policy and legislation.
* Provide support, coaching and challenge to School Operations / Business Managers to ensure the school-based HR practices, administration and record retention are of an appropriate quality and meet compliance requirements.
* Lead the central HR aspects of the induction of newly appointed School Operations / Business Managers, liaising with the Headteacher appropriately;
* Introduce school-based HR meetings across the group of Partnerships so that practice can be shared.
* To support Headteachers and Governors at hearings and appeal hearings.
* To support with job description development and undertake job evaluations considering benchmarking data and offering professional advice where relevant.
* To support the Director of HR to deliver change programmes including restructures and TUPE transfers, including conducting appropriate due diligence exercises and facilitating consultation with staff and trade unions
* To support the Director of HR with the onboarding process for newly converted Trust schools.
* Analysing and reporting HR information to support with the development of HR strategies and solutions. Ensuring that all internal and external reporting requirements are satisfied through the provision of management information and HR returns.
* Together with the Director of HR action plan Trust survey outcomes offering evaluation and solutions for improvement
* To manage the exit / off-boarding collation of information such as interviews and questionnaires. Provide analysis, actions plans and guidance to schools / Trust.
* Safeguard & promote the welfare of pupils through own actions and effective management of staff resources, policies & procedures, and in line with local & national protocols and statutory requirements relating to safeguarding.
* To assist the Director of HR to increase school leader competence and confidence in HR related issues (e.g. conflict management, performance management, absence, grievance and discipline) through effective coaching.
* Contribute to the development and implementation of relevant policies, procedures, guidance notes and tool kits to assist schools in the day to day management of HR matters whilst ensuring they reflect Trust Values.
* Contribute to the development of a comprehensive HR training programme and support the delivery of this both centrally and within the Partnership group of schools.

**General**

* Work in a professional manner and with integrity and maintain confidentiality of records and information.
* Maintain up to date knowledge in line with national changes and legislation as appropriate to the role.
* Be aware of and comply with all Trust policies including in particular Health and Safety and Safeguarding.
* Participate in the Trust Appraisal process and undertake training and professional development as required.
* Adhere to all internal and external deadlines.
* Contribute to the overall aims and ethos of Transform Trust
* Establish constructive relationships with colleagues, other schools within the Trust and outside agencies.

These above mentioned duties are neither exclusive nor exhaustive, the post- holder maybe required to carry out other duties as required by the Trust. The responsibility level of any other duties should not exceed those outlined above.

Name of Post Holder

Signature

Date

**Person Specification**

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| **Areas of**  **responsibility** | **Requirements** | |
|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| Education and Qualifications | * Relevant professional qualification CIPD Level 5 and/or significant operational equivalent experience. | * Educated to A Level or degree standard * Experience of working in HR in a school setting. |
| Knowledge and Experience | * Substantial experience of providing effective and practical advice around the full range of complex employee relations case work (grievance, disciplinary, health & absence management, performance management, LADO referrals), * working with trade unions, and advising managers on a breadth of people issues, up to & including dismissal hearings * Experience of handling significant change, including restructure / redundancy, and TUPE * High level of knowledge & understanding of policy, procedure, employment law and good practice in relation to schools HR, along with the ability to assess implications and articulate risk * Knowledge and understanding of relevant employment law, regulations and policy affecting people management practice. | • Experience of working for a MAT / with numerous stakeholders across different sites.  • Understanding of Trade Union Consultative Committee processes   * Understanding of TUPE legislation and academy conversions. * Knowledge & experience of job evaluation, grading & equal pay issues would be an   advantage |
| Skills/Abilities | • Ability to work with limited supervision, to make decisions and work on own initiative.  • Ability to demonstrate strong IT skills, with an ability to set up databases using Microsoft Office applications.  • Effective communication skills, in order to deal tactfully and sensitively with people at all levels.   * A “people person”: able to build strong working relationships with, and influence the work of others (including senior leaders), where there is no direct supervisory / line management relationship   • Good organisational and interpersonal skills.  • Ability to work effectively as part of a team.  • Confident in managing a diverse workload  • Process driven  • Strong written and verbal communication skills |  |
| Personal  Attributes | • Willingness to work under pressure whilst maintaining a professional attitude.  • Ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters as necessary.  • Positive “can do” attitude  • Keen to progress and develop  • Ability to meet the needs of a fast-growing MAT |  |
| Committed to | • Contribution to the overall aims and ethos of Transform Trust   * Personal CPD and training * Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children   • Maintaining up to date knowledge in line with national changes and legislation as appropriate to the role. |  |

**Transform Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our students and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to enhanced DBS checks**

**5. How to Apply and Key Information**

Equality and diversity matters to us. If you think you’d be suited to this role we’d love to hear from you regardless of age, disability status, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexuality.

Please complete the online application form which you will find on the Transform Trust website https://transformtrust.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies

Your personal statement should outline how your skills and experience meet the essential criteria of the role.

Any questions or queries regarding the role should be directed to: Emma Salmon by email: emma.salmon@transformtrust.co.uk

**Equalities**

Transform Trust is a **Disability Confident Committed Employer** and we aim to ensure that our recruitment processes are inclusive and accessible.

We are committed to offering an interview to disabled people who meet the essential criteria as detailed in the person specification for the advertised role.

Shortlisting is based on the information you supply to support your application. Equal opportunity data is not shared with any member of the shortlisting panel prior to or during the selection process.

The Equality Act 2010 protects people with disabilities from unlawful discrimination. To meet the Act’s definition, a person must have a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial long-term effects on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. If we know you have a disability, we will adjust the working arrangement and/or the working environment, provided it is reasonable in the circumstances to do so. To be protected by the Act an individual must therefore have:

• A long term physical or mental impairment (lasting or likely to last for 12 months or more); and

• A condition that has a substantial adverse impact on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The schools Equality Policy can be found on their website.

**Flexible Working**

We are committed as a Trust to supporting all employee’s whether long standing, or new to Trust maintain a healthy and rewarding work / life balance. We have a Flexible Working policy that outlines our commitment and in addition, we are considering implementing the “Flex from 1” approach which is to allow an employee to request flexible working from their first day of employment.

**Right to work in the UK**

You must have the right to work in the UK to apply for any of our roles.

**Qualifications**

For certain roles such as Teachers you will need to hold the required qualifications to be considered. Please refer to the person specification for details of the qualifications required for this role.

**Safeguarding**

**Transform Trust and its schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This appointment is subject to safer recruitment procedures, including satisfactory references, medical, Enhanced DBS with children’s barred list clearance and completion of relevant safeguarding training including Safeguarding Children in Education**

**All school roles are classed as regulated activity and as such, it is an offence to apply for this role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children**

All new Trust employees will be required to complete an enhanced DBS with children’s barred list check which must be in place before they can start in the role.

The position you are applying for gives you privileged access to vulnerable groups therefore, you are required to disclose all spent convictions and cautions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975. This means that you must disclose spent and unspent convictions other than those which are so “protected”. The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered ‘protected’. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance on the filtering of “protected” convictions and cautions can be accessed on the Disclosure and Barring Service or the Ministry of Justice websites.

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice.

Please note that Enhanced certificates may include information relating to a protected caution or conviction if the police consider that it is relevant to the workforce that the individual intends to work in.

The Schools policies including Child Protection and Safeguarding are available on their website.

**References**

You must provide two suitable referees to be able to provide factual information about you for us to consider as part of the recruitment process:

* Your first referee **must** be your current employer ( or if you are not currently employed your most recent employer) and this needs to be completed by a senior person with appropriate authority (if your referee is school based then this should be the Headteacher)
* If you are not currently working with children but have done in the past, your second referee must be from an employer who can comment on your suitability to work with children.
* We do not accept open references ie “to whom it may concern”
* We only accept professional references and therefore cannot accept friends, relations, neighbours, work colleagues ( unless they were your line manager and can advise on any disciplinary investigations) as named referees.
* Where possible please ensure one of your referees can comment on your suitability to work with children, this could be in a working or volunteering capacity (ie scout leader, class teacher if undertaken volunteering within a school, church/temple leader).

References will be called for before interview in line with our safer recruitment policy and will be sent electronically to the referees you name on your application form. Please ensure that you have contacted your referee to ask them to provide a reference and ensure that their email address that you include in the application form is correct.

**Completion of the Application Form**

All roles are advertised on the Transform Trust website which links through to SAM Recruit, which is an online application portal.

https://transformtrust.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies

Please complete the application form before the closing date which will be detailed in the about the role section above

Please ensure that you follow the guidance on providing satisfactory referees who can comment on your suitability for the role and for working with children. One of your referees must be your current or most recent employer.

You are required to provide details of all employment since finishing full time education and account for any gaps in employment such as unemployment, maternity leave, raising a family, travelling, volunteering etc. The SAM Recruit system will highlight any periods that there are gaps and these will need to be completed before the application can be submitted

You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your form. Please ensure that your supporting statement provides concise and specific examples to demonstrate your achievements and skills addressing the specific criteria as set out in the person specification. For those candidates who are invited to interview, this information will be explored further.

You are invited to complete and return the Equality and Diversity Monitoring section which forms part of the application form. The information on the form will be treated as confidential, and used for statistical purposes only. Those who are on the shortlisting panel will not have access to this information.

Any questions or queries about the role should be directed to the school details of which are included in the “ about the role” section above . Any technical queries relating to the SAM Recruit system will be supported by a member of the support team, please contact the team by calling 01924 907 319.

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**6. The Recruitment Process**

After the closing date, short listing will be conducted by a Panel, who will match your skills and experience against the criteria in the Person Specification.

We will seek references on shortlisted candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications before interview. Any relevant issues arising from references will be taken up at interview.

All candidates invited to interview must bring the following documents:

* Documentary evidence of right to work in the UK
* Documentary evidence of identity that will satisfy DBS requirements such as a current driving licence including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate
* Documentary proof of current name and address (i.e. utility bill, financial statement etc.)
* Where appropriate any documentation evidencing change of name
* Documents confirming any educational or professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post i.e. degree certificate, QTS certificate

Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient

You will also be asked to complete a self -declaration regarding your suitability to work with children and provide your consent to us holding certain data about you.

You will receive a letter or email with details of the interview process, what to prepare and what to expect i.e. teaching task, tasks relevant to the role and formal interview. All roles working in school will be subject to a formal interview as a minimum. In addition to candidates’ ability to perform the duties of the post, the interview will also explore issues relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including:

* Motivation to work with children and young people
* Ability to form and maintain appropriate relationships and personal boundaries with children and young people
* Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviours
* Attitudes to use of authority and maintaining discipline

Unfortunately, due to the high number of applications we receive, we are not able to provide feedback if you are not shortlisted. The SAM Recruit system will send you an automated email once your application form has been successfully submitted which will advise that should you not hear from us within 10 working days of the closing date then you should assume that you have not been shortlisted on this occasion. Please do not be disheartened- check over your application form and see whether you think you could have given more evidence to meet the experience and qualities we are looking for ready for the next role that we may advertise.

If you are seriously interested in working for Transform Trust then why don’t you register for job alerts on our vacancies page <https://transformtrust.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>. This will ensure that you receive email alerts as soon as role are advertised that fit your selected criteria

**7. Transform Trust Recruitment Privacy Notice**

As part of your application to join Transform Trust or a Trust member school, we will gather and use information relating to you. Information that we hold in relation to individuals is known as their “personal data”. This will include data that we obtain from you directly and data about you that we obtain from other people and organisations. We might also need to continue to hold your personal data for a period of time after the recruitment process, even if you are unsuccessful. Anything that we do with an individual’s personal data is known as “processing”.

This document sets out what personal data we will gather and hold about individuals who apply for a position with us, why we process that data, who we share this information with, and your rights in relation to your personal data processed by us.

**What information do we process during your application process?**

We may collect, hold, share and otherwise use the following information about you during your application process.

Up to, and including, shortlisting stage:

• Your name and contact details (i.e. address, home and mobile phone numbers, email address);

• Details of your qualifications, training, experience, duties, employment history (including job titles, salary, relevant dates and working hours), details of driving licence (if relevant for role), membership of professional bodies and interests;

• Your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs (which you can withhold if you wish and does not form any part of the recruitment process);

• Details of your referees;

• Whether you are related to any member of our workforce; and

• Details of any support or assistance you may need to assist you at the interview because of a disability.

Under GDPR the lawful bases we rely on for processing the above information is under Article 6(a), (b), (c) and (e) and for special data under Article 9 (a), (b) and (f).

Following shortlisting stage, and prior to making a final decision

• Information about your previous academic and/or employment history, including details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance, from references obtained about you from previous employers and/or education providers;\*

• Confirmation of your academic and professional qualifications (including seeing a copy of certificates);\*

• Information regarding your criminal record (which should only be given under confidential cover);\*

• Information via the DBS process which may be regarding your criminal record, stated in criminal records certificates (CRCs) and enhanced criminal records certificates (ECRCs), as well as whether you are barred from working in regulated activity;\*

• Your nationality and immigration status and information from related documents, such as your passport or other identification and immigration information;\*

• Medical check to indicate fitness to work;\*

• A copy of your UK Passport (or other appropriate right to work documentation as listed on the Home Office list);\*

• If you are a teacher, we will check the National College of Teaching and Leadership (“NCTL”) Teachers’ Services about your qualified teaching status, whether you are subject to a prohibition from teaching order and any other relevant checks (for example Section 128 direction for management posts). If you have taught abroad we will require letter of professional standing from the professional regulating authority in the country you taught;\*

• If you have lived abroad in the last 10 years we will require sight of an original overseas check ( such as a police clearance or certificate of good conduct) from all countries you have lived in;\*and

• Equal opportunities’ monitoring data.

You are required (by law or in order to enter into your contract of employment) to provide the categories of information marked (\*) above to us to enable us to verify your right to work and suitability for the position. Without providing us with this information, or if the information is not satisfactory, then we will not be able to proceed with any offer of employment.

If you are employed by Transform Trust, including in one of our schools, some of the information we collect will be included on our Single Central Record. In this scenario, a further privacy notice in relation to data we collect, process, hold and share about you during your time with us, will be issued to you.

**Where do we get information from about during your application process?**

Depending on the position that you have applied for, we may collect this information from you, your referees (which will be provided directly by you), your education provider, any relevant professional body, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), NCTL and the Home Office, during the recruitment process.

**Why do we use this information?**

We will process your personal data during your application process for the purpose of complying with our legal obligations, carrying out tasks that are in the public interest, and taking the required steps with a view to entering into an employment contract with you.

This includes:

• To assess your suitability for the role you are applying for;

• To follow protocols before engaging in a contract with you;

• To check that you are eligible to work in the United Kingdom and/or that you are not prohibited from teaching; and

• So that we are able to monitor applications for posts in Transform Trust to ensure that we are fulfilling our obligations under the public sector equality duty as part of the Equality Act 2010.

**How long will we hold information in relation to your application?**

We will hold information relating to your application only for as long as necessary. If you are successful, then the duration will depend on the type of information that has been gathered. For further detail please see our Data Protection and Access to Personnel Records Policies.

If you are unsuccessful we will hold your personal data only for six months, after which time it is securely deleted.

**Who will we share information with about your application?**

We will not share information gathered during your application process with third parties, other than professional advisors such as legal and/or HR professionals.

**Rights in relation to your personal data**

All individuals have the right to request access to personal data that we hold about them. To make a request for access to their personal data, individuals should contact:

Claire McKendrick, Transform Trust Data Protection Officer if employed centrally by the Trust: dataprotection@transformtrust.co.uk; or, if employed in one of our schools, the Headteacher who is the Data Controller for their school.

Please also refer to our Data Protection Policy for further details on making requests for access to personal data.

Individuals also have the right, in certain circumstances, to:

• Object to the processing of their personal data;

• Have inaccurate or incomplete personal data about them rectified;

• Restrict processing of their personal data;

• Object to the making of decisions about them taken by automated means;

• Have your data transferred to another organisation; and

• Make a complaint for damage caused by a breach of their data protection rights.

If an individual wants to exercise any of these rights, then they should contact Claire McKendrick on the contact details above. The law does not oblige the Trust and our schools to comply with all requests. If the Trust and/or school does not intend to comply with the request, then the individual will be notified of the reasons why in writing.

**Concerns**

If an individual has any concerns about how we are using their personal data then we ask that they contact our Data Controller (Rachel Hannon) in the first instance, however an individual can contact the Information Commissioner’s Office should they consider this to be necessary, at https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

**Covid-19**

As a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, some aspects of the recruitment process have had to become virtually managed. As a result, data may be reviewed and sent electronically rather than in person and in paper format. Identification may need to be verified virtually and via email instead of being confirmed in person. We will ensure any sharing of data electronically is encrypted and protected.

The same data will be required as before the pandemic however, this is only done to verify identify and to ensure safer recruitment and safeguarding requirements are met. We will always follow statutory guidance. In addition, retention of documentation even when sent electronically, will be subject to the same timescales and scrutiny as previously.

Interviews when conducted virtually will never be recorded.

**Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact Claire McKendrick, or Rachel Hannon (HR Director for Transform Trust; [rachel.hannon@transformtrust.co.uk](mailto:rachel.hannon@transformtrust.co.uk)).

**8. Terms and Conditions**

We operate within the Burgundy (Teachers) and Green book (Support) national pay and conditions schemes in respect of sickness related absence, annual leave and family related leave (maternity, paternity leave and shared parental leave). Staff are encouraged to be members of a relevant Professional Association.

We operate a system of collective bargaining with Recognised Trade Unions which means we consult jointly with employee representatives on people policies and terms and conditions of employment. The Unions recognised by the Trust are as follows: NEU, NASUWT, UNISON, GMB, UNITE, NAHT and ASCL.

The Trust HR team meet with employee representative groups through a Trust JCC (Joint Consultative Committee). This joint dialogue about employee conditions of employment offers transparency and openness around any decisions that may impact on our employee’s.

As Trade Unions are recognised by the Trust your contract of employment indicates you are entitled and encouraged to join a Trade Union and also that this arrangement is in place.

**Salary**

**Place of work** Transform Trust Head Office Unit 11 Castlebridge Office Village, Nottingham NG7 1LD

**Hours**  37 hours per week

**Annual leave** minimum 26 days plus bank holidays

**Pension**  Nottinghamshire LGPS

**Employee Benefits**: Employee Discount scheme (Vivup benefits)

Employee Assistance Programme (Vivup EAP)

Flu Jabs

Eye tests

Salary Sacrifice Schemes eg cycle to work

Discounted Leisure club membership for some Local Authority Leisure Centres

**Right to work**: The successful applicant will need to provide proof of the right to work in the UK before taking up the post

**Safeguarding**: The successful applicant must have a clear enhanced DBS with childrens barred list check in place before starting the new position and complete level 2 safeguarding training on taking up the post.