



Primary School Teacher

What do they do?

As a Primary School Teacher you will play a key role in the lives of young people as they commence their lifelong learning journey. You will have opportunities to establish positive relationships with pupils, organise the learning environment effectively and create challenging and engaging learning experiences. Beginning in the foundation stage you will support children to learn by exploring, talking about their learning, practicing skills and being active. The teacher aims to develop and expand the child's curiosity and knowledge by offering them a curriculum that is responsive to their personal needs and builds their capacity to learn. A Primary School Teacher on the Isle of Man will be part of an innovative approach to learning set out in the Island's Essentials 4 Learning curriculum.

What makes a great Primary School Teacher?

- Enjoying **working with children** and supporting their mental, physical and moral welfare
- Having a **patient, sensitive and tolerant** approach to the young
- **Enthusiasm!**
- Having a wide **range** of abilities, skills and interests - Art & Craft, Physical Education, Music & Drama skills are always welcome!
- Great **communication** and **listening** skills
- A sense of **humour!**
- **Resilience** - teaching can be a physically and emotionally demanding profession.

What do you need?

To teach in a primary school you will need to gain **qualified teacher status** and this involves studying to at least **degree** level. Initially you would need **GCSEs** Grade C or equivalent in Maths & English as well as 2 **A Levels** or equivalent. You would then need to follow one of the below routes to obtain Qualified Teacher Status:

Bachelor of Education
Qualified Teacher Status
(QTS)
(3 Years)

BA or BSc with Qualified
Teacher Status (QTS)
(3 Years)

BA/ BSc (non QTS - 3 Years)
Followed by a Post Gradu-
ate Certificate in Education
(1 Year)

Whichever route you are applying for, you should try to gain some classroom experience with the stage group you want to teach. Most courses now require a minimum of two weeks classroom experience before you start your training.

What we can offer you:

As of 2022 salary for a newly qualified teacher starts at £36,557 with potential to increase to £46,716. Salaries can be boosted by payments for additional teaching and learning responsibilities. With experience, there are opportunities for promotion to Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher. A large variety of support will be provided to help your development and learning.



A day in the life of a... Primary School Teacher

Leanne Smiley, a **Primary School Teacher** at Scoill yn Jubilee tells us what life is like as a Primary School Teacher and what she enjoys most about her job!

What does an average day in your role look like?

I arrive at school between 8:00 and 8:15am where I set up for the day. I welcome the pupils in to class at 8.50am where I am available to parents while pupils are completing their morning challenge. We have our 'morning meeting' at 9 where pupils choose their lunch and discuss what they have done in their morning activity. Most days we have assembly and during this time I take a group for some small group work unless we're celebrating our achievements in star assembly! Our first lessons are always Numeracy and Literacy unless it's a Thursday when we go swimming. After lunch we complete topic work including all the foundation subjects (History, ICT, Geography etc). At the end of the day we read a story and have news time before going home. I'll stay at school for a few hours leading after school clubs, attending meetings, completing paper work or preparing/evaluating lessons.

What made you choose this career?

I've always been interested in teaching and would sit my dolls down to take the register as a child! Growing up I was very lucky to have teachers who inspired and motivated me to develop a love of learning, and after completing placements in a local primary school during the level 3 childcare course at the Isle of Man College, I knew I wanted to continue with a career in teaching.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I am passionate about teaching in order to make a difference in young people's learning; being able to see their minds, knowledge and personalities develop and to know I have made a difference in their future.

How do you feel you have developed whilst being in your current role?

I have greatly grown in confidence and now understand the ins and outs to running a successful school environment. I have been able to attend numerous training sessions which has helped my understanding of how children learn and given me lots of ideas to make learning and teaching fun and exciting. I have recently been elected as teacher governor this year which will provide me with more responsibility and an insight in to the decision making that governs school life.

What is the team that you work in like?

Amazing! I am very lucky to work with a wonderful team of people who support each other and work extremely hard to provide a motivating learning environment for our pupils.

What are three favourite things about your role?

That light bulb moment when a pupil 'gets' what you have been learning together, the excitement on a pupil's face when they're engrossed in their topic and the relationships you build with your colleagues, pupils and families within the school community.

What three words would you use to describe this job?

Unpredictable, exciting and inspiring.