



Inspire Education Trust

Together we achieve, individually we grow

RECRUITMENT PACK

Play Worker (wraparound)



Walsgrave

Church of England Academy



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WELCOME FROM OUR CEO



It is my pleasure to welcome you to Inspire Education Trust.

At Inspire Education Trust we are passionate about making a difference to the lives of our pupils. They are at the heart of everything we do and we strive to inspire all learners, and want all our schools to be the best they can be and for each and every child, to discover the skills, abilities, talents and interests that lie within them.

We believe in working in partnership, enabling us to ensure all children and pupils achieve their full potential. Our schools know the impact that working collaboratively can bring.

Our schools have a desire to question, change and innovate to ensure that what they provide enables our children to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

At the same time, we recognise the importance for each school to retain and promote their individual identity. Every school has its own context and challenges. This is why we encourage our member schools to lead and manage in a way that preserves that individual identity and responds to the specific needs of their children and community.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management, underpinned by shared values and best practice is what makes our schools special.

Lois Whitehouse – CEO

DEPUTY CEO



We put the quality of education at the core of our vision. Our school improvement strategies provide an excellent framework to deliver a truly broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum with an emphasis on co-curricular activities such as Arts, Music and Sports from age 2 to 18. We believe that every child is a powerful learner.

We are a progressive Trust with an excellent track record of Primary school improvement across our portfolio of 8 schools, 7 of which are Primary schools.



We have strong models of Primary school improvement alongside high-quality implementation and delivery. We have proven able to deliver high standards of education, systematically, through excellent improvement practice that incorporates knowledge building, evidence-informed professional development, and the creation of communities of improvement.

As a successful Trust we deploy the expertise of specialist primary teachers and leaders across our schools to ensure maximum impact.

The goal is for every member of staff, in every classroom to be as **good as they can be** in what they teach (the curriculum) and how they teach (pedagogy), e.g., paired planning time with subject/ teaching expert to develop teacher confidence and pedagogy.

Coaching conversations with teachers/ leaders so that developments come directly from them to motivate and signpost independent improvements through self-study documents such as WALKTHRUS and external courses. This will allow capacity to be enhanced so that teachers can then improve each other and hone/ innovate practice. Once practice is embedded and impactful, we would look to develop leaders of these areas externally to innovate and lead future practice in their school and more widely across the Trust.

We are constantly refining the way we support, challenge, and improve our schools. At the heart of our approach is first-class teaching.

Rob Darling – Deputy CEO

ABOUT THE ROLE

Post Title	Play Worker (wraparound)
Salary Range	Support Staff Grade 1 - £9,151 (FTE £24,413)
Reporting to	Headteacher
Status	Permanent, Term time only, 16 hours per week
Flexibility	Job flexibility is available



Job Purpose:

- Playworkers are responsible for the delivery of our children in year groups Nursery - Year 6.
- Supervising safe, age-appropriate play opportunities and assisting with sessions of sport, drama, arts & crafts activities for children.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Deliver a high quality, balanced, lively and imaginative daily programme of play opportunities appropriate for the age of the children present and which has a wide variety of inclusive activities catering for all abilities and interests.
- Safely supervise children and ensure they are happily engaged in activities.
- Provide suitable play areas, materials and equipment and liaise with senior staff regarding use of facilities for activities.
- Tidying and re-structuring play spaces as necessary.
- Ensure the programme is delivered according to the standards as laid out in the staff manual and to adhere to all policies and procedures.
- Communicate effectively with children and staff colleagues, ensuring that everyone is clear about expectations, the manner in which the setting operates and the content of each daily programme.
- To deal with all confidential matters with discretion
- Encourage fair, caring behaviour, independence and self-esteem amongst children.
- Deal appropriately and consistently with discipline/any problem behaviours and report issues to senior staff as appropriate.
- Be sufficiently flexible to deal with unexpected situations.
- Actively promote learning through Play.
- Participate in meetings with the other members of the team as and when required to ensure the smooth running of all aspects of Boomerang.
- Any other reasonable or appropriate duties commensurate with the post.

Other:

- *Carries out any other duties as directed by the Headteacher/ Head of Education that are within the scope, purpose and spirit of the role*
- Attends regular continuing professional development (CPD) as required by the school, and other optional relevant CPD to develop good practice
- Proactively takes steps to ensure their mental health and wellbeing is protected, seeking further support if appropriate

Safeguarding and Child Protection:

- Knows what to do if they have concerns about a child



- Takes on the responsibility for providing a safe environment and promoting children's welfare
- Undertakes regular safeguarding and child protection training
- Familiarises themselves with Keeping Children Safe in Education part 1 (KCSIE) and local policies and procedures as directed by the trust/academy

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Playworker

		Essential	Desirable
Education and Qualifications	Good Numeracy and literacy skills (preferably GCSE Grade C/4 or equivalent)	✓	
	Paediatric First Aid or Emergency First Aid Qualification		✓
	Food Hygiene Qualification	✓	
	Has a CACHE Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Playwork, or equivalent	✓	
	Completed or working towards a child related qualification.		✓
Experience	Experience of looking after children, particularly in a Play setting.		✓
	Experience of delivering activities or possess skills within sports, drama and/or arts & crafts.		✓
Skills and Knowledge	How to be organised, efficient, flexible and able to work in a large, fast-paced and often challenging environment.	✓	
	Ability to engage with children in a fun, enjoyable and appropriate manner.	✓	
	Ability to work efficiently as part of a vibrant team.	✓	
	Good communication and interpersonal skills.	✓	
Personal Qualities	A responsible and caring attitude combined with a calm, patient and tolerant manner.	✓	
	Dedicated to our vision that all children are entitled to a first-class education	✓	
	Possesses a genuine belief that all children are equal and celebrates the diversity in our school communities	✓	
	Self-motivated and able to work on own initiative without supervision	✓	
	Works with honesty and integrity	✓	
	Emotional resilience in working with challenging behaviour	✓	



	Recognises the importance of protecting their own personal wellbeing	✓	
	Committed to making children feel happy, safe and secure	✓	
	Resourceful, positive, and enthusiastic with a good sense of humour	✓	
Safeguarding and Child Protection	Understands their role in safeguarding and protecting children or a keen willingness to learn this	✓	
	Develops appropriate professional boundaries with children. Knows not to build friendships	✓	
	Awareness of the key safeguarding processes in schools or willingness to understand these	✓	
	In-depth understanding of the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education		✓
	A realistic appreciation of the challenges involved in working with children		✓
	Committed to improving safeguarding processes and practices. Sees it as part of their job		✓
Professional Development	Willing to participate in further appropriate professional development	✓	
	Positive approach to own continuous personal professional development and training		✓

CORE COMPETENCIES

Clear understanding and commitment to safeguard and protect children

Adopts an inclusive approach respecting diversity in all forms

Conscientiously adheres to school / trust policies and procedures and works ethically

Works in a way, which abides to the school values

Embraces the vision "Together we achieve, individually we grow" and devotedly helps all students achieve this



ABOUT WALSGRAVE C OF E ACADEMY



Walsgrave
Church of England Academy

FACTS AT A GLANCE

2-FORM ENTRY

NUMBER OF PUPILS: 462

NUMBER OF STAFF: 50

BASED IN: **BINLEY, COVENTRY**



WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the children, their families, friends, and members of the local community who are central to the life of Walsgrave CE Academy. Our whole school community values the contribution every child brings, which makes our school a happy and fun place to learn and work. Our mission statement is: 'Together We Thrive' and this sentiment underpins all we do.

As a Church of England Primary School, we have close links with St Mary's Church, collaborating regularly throughout the year. This collaboration, as well as celebrating our school's cultural diversity, helped us to achieve our Outstanding SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection result in June 2015.

At Walsgrave CE Academy we believe in encouraging children to know how they learn best. Pupils need to understand why learning is important and to be as involved as much as possible in their own learning. We get to know each pupil extremely well, recognise their potential, tailor individual learning needs and support each pupil's





learning with high quality teaching, learning and resources. We offer a bespoke and exciting, broad and balanced curriculum that is enriched by visitors, educational visits and memorable experiences. We are passionate about all children having core skills in Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as opportunities for them to become artists, musicians, historians etc. Children feel safe and happy in school and they tell us that they look forward to coming to school every day (and so do we!).

We believe that every child can do amazing things, and it's our job to help make this potential a reality. With an outstanding education, every child has the freedom to choose their own future. As you're the most important person in your child's life, it's really important that we work together to support each other in making sure your child gets the best education possible.

Damien Sowerby – Headteacher



ABOUT INSPIRE EDUCATION TRUST

Inspire Education Trust is an Multi Academy Trust that grew from a shared belief that children deserve a first-class education, so that each child and student understands what they are capable of, and what talents they have, and strives for excellence in themselves to succeed in the next stage of their education and the world of work.



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We understand that every member of our staff is here for the best interest of our children. With them, we want to ensure that every child is valued and that the unique identity of each of our schools is protected, celebrated, and recognised for the contribution it makes to ensuring our pupils have the best education and experiences.

Inspire Education Trust is made up of 8 schools.

- Arley Primary School, New Arley, Warwickshire (2024)
- Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College, Stoke, Coventry (2020)
- Clifford Bridge Academy, Binley, Coventry (2015)
- Frederick Bird Primary School, Hillfields, Coventry (2024)
- Hearsall Community Academy, Earlsdon, Coventry (2017)
- Stockingford Academy, Nuneaton, Warwickshire (2019)
- Walsgrave Church of England Academy, Walsgrave, Coventry (2015)
- Whittle Academy, Walsgrave, Coventry (2015)

Our Trust Motto encapsulates the beliefs and ideals of our family of schools.

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OUR TRUST

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- Whittle Academy

KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

7 PRIMARIES & 1 SECONDARY

MIXED MAT – 2 CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

5,000+ PUPILS AS OF JAN 2024

709 STAFF

OPERATING OVER 2 LOCAL AUTHORITIES



The mission statement for our Trust is “Together we achieve, individually we grow’. We aim to ensure that our academies will provide an **environment which is welcoming, caring and purposeful**, where we will encourage our pupils to be the best they can be, whilst supporting them pastorally and helping them develop socially. We want our children to enjoy school, have fun and develop a love of learning.

We have a **Board of Directors** and **Members** who hold the schools to account and work closely with the Local Governing Bodies of each school who support and challenge the outcomes and quality of teaching and learning. We have **strong links** with the **Coventry Diocesan Board of Education** reflecting the church status of our faith schools, Blue Coat School and Music College and Walsgrave Church of England Academy.

As schools, we are committed to sharing the good practice that exists in all the schools and we have numerous opportunities for **joint training days** and **shared professional development** for support and teaching staff across the Trust. Staff have welcomed this collaboration and we have retained quality staff and promoted from within.

We strive to maintain academies which will retain their **own independent culture and ethos** whilst operating within a strategic partnership to improve quality, share best practices and operate effectively and efficiently. We firmly believe that “**Expectations Shape Outcomes**” and we expect the very best for all members of our school’s communities.





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STAFF WELLBEING & SUPPORT 'THE LITTLE THINGS'

At Inspire Education Trust, we are committed to working towards the best balance of hard work, commitment and wellbeing as well as avoiding the burden of unnecessary tasks. Our trust leaders aspire that all colleagues are fit, well and content at work. Some of the little but important things we give back to staff are listed below; new ideas are always welcome.



External coffee van visits site for staff use



Support for new staff starters who join Inspire Education Trust (e.g buddy pairing)



Calendars regularly reviewed with staff workload in mind



No Student or class data collected for data's sake



Prayer and worship time across our CofE schools



8 free external counselling sessions for all staff



PPA time designed to promote a healthy work life balance



Dedicated classroom wherever possible for all teaching staff



Free Wellbeing App Subscription



Time off for staff wellbeing



Staff wellbeing integral to the appraisal process.



Enhanced paternity leave for all staff - 1 week at full pay and 1 week at Statutory Paternity Pay



Gym and fitness membership discount through CV-Life (based in Coventry)



Flexible and generous approach to family appointments, children's events, nativities, sports days etc



Opportunities for staff to get involved in sport and physical activity



Opportunities for career development always considered



Measured approach to lesson drop-ins



Staff marking & workload group to guide and develop policy



Communications protocol which promotes a healthy work life balance



Cycle to work scheme



Approachable Senior Leadership Teams



Staff social events (e.g time to talk)



Staff wellbeing champion network of support



EAP (Employee Assistance Programme) - Health Assured



Employer pension contributions of 23% + for teaching and support staff.



Generous holiday allowance for all year-round support staff (28 days annual leave, plus 8 bank holidays. Increasing to 33 days after 5 years of service)



Access to trained Mental Health First-Aiders for all Staff



MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applications for this post will only be accepted using the electronic application form on the My New Term website.

The closing date for applications is 9am Thursday 14th May 2026

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Sabrina Choudhury – Office Manager Sabrina.Choudhury@walsgraveacademy.org to arrange an initial conversation with Damien Sowerby – Headteacher.

Shortlisting will take place, and all candidates will then be contacted by email.

Shortlisted candidates will need to be available for interview week on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

If you have any questions relating to the application process, see the FAQ's page and if you still have a question - please do let us know by contacting Catherine Alexander-Gamble – HR and Payroll Coordinator Catherine.alexander-gamble@ietrust.org

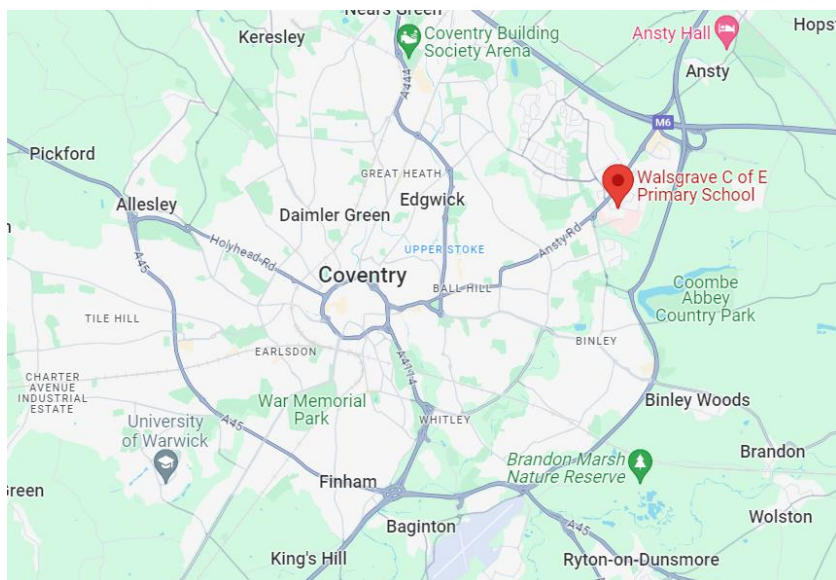
We look forward to hearing from you.





HOW TO FIND US

If you arrange a visit or are successfully shortlisted for an interview, then you will need to visit our school. Please see the below for guidance and directions on how to find Walsgrave Academy.



ADDRESS

Walsgrave Academy
School House Lane
Coventry, CV2 2BA

A 2-minute drive from University Hospital Coventry, and a 15-minute drive from Coventry city centre.

PARKING

As you arrive at the front gate, you can request access via an intercom to drive in and there are 2 car park areas that you can park in. See the circled below for parking locations.





RECRUITMENT PRIVACY NOTICE INSPIRE EDUCATION TRUST



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Who is collecting your data?

Inspire Education Trust is a data controller for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation and domestic legislation. The personal data that you provide will be used in connection with your application for vacancies at the Trust. If we make an offer of employment, the Trust will provide a fully informed privacy notice to employees.

Why are we collecting your data?

- So we can process your application to the next stage
- Check and verify your identity
- Ensure your suitability for the position advertised including contacting references from your noted referees, provided you have confirmed their consent to be contacted for this purpose
- For research, analysis and statistical purposes
- Meet our statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010

What is being collected?

The information you provide us within submitted forms is collected to enable us to consider your suitability for the vacancy. This includes:

- Name and contacts details (phone number, email and address).
- Previous work history and experience
- Education, training and qualifications
- Referee contact details

We also process special category data such as:

- Religion
- Ethnicity
- Disability Issues

We ensure we keep our records up to date by logging these on the TES platform in which you made your application. If you are successful in your application, we will provide you with further details about how we will process your personal data.

Do we share your data?

Information on application forms and notes made during the interview process are not shared if an offer of employment is not made. If an application is successful, a workforce privacy notice will be provided to you, detailing how we will use your personal data.

Your Rights.

You can see your rights in relation to the application by visiting <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters>

Retention

Unsuccessful candidates' application forms will be destroyed after 6 months.

Successful applicants will be provided with a fully informed employee privacy notice alongside their contract. The information provided on this form will be stored with the successful applicant's personnel file. This is kept in line with the School's record retention schedule. This can be found on the School website.

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