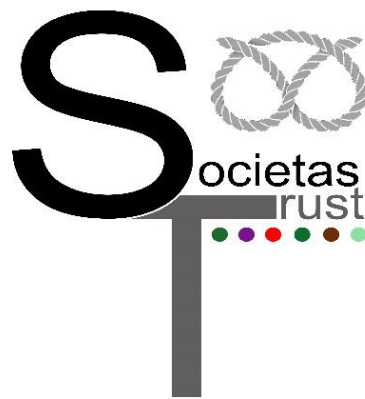




The Societas Trust



Recruitment Pack

Teaching and Learning Practitioner

12.00pm Friday 11th September 2026

Week commencing 14th September 2026

Summerbank Primary Academy

“Great Learning Opportunities For All”

<https://www.societatrust.org.uk/>

Message from the CEO of the Trust

Dear applicant

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teaching and Learning Practitioner at Summerbank Primary Academy, which is part of The Societas Trust. Our Trust currently consists of:

Alsagers Bank Primary Academy

Ash Green Primary Academy

Ball Green Primary Academy

Burnwood Primary School

Carmoutside Primary Academy

Ellison Primary Academy

Gladstone Primary Academy

Goldenhill Primary Academy

Oaklands Nursery School (Associate member)

Sandford Hill Primary School (Associate member)

Summerbank Primary Academy

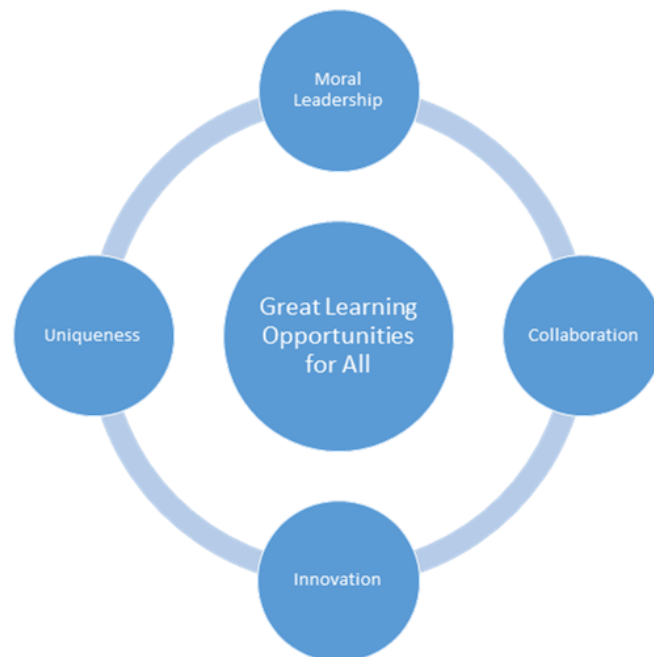
The Societas Trust is a successful partnership between eleven schools in North Staffordshire. We share a belief that the needs of children are best met when schools collaborate and cooperate and are able to maintain close links with the communities they serve. Whilst it is crucial for us to support the development of the unique identity of each school in the partnership, we also believe that by developing and promoting innovative and creative approaches to learning and teaching across the trust, we will ensure that our children have the very best opportunities to excel academically and develop socially. We believe that children learn best and thrive in environments that promote and foster self-belief, the love of learning and high expectations of themselves and others. I would like to extend my very best wishes to all the pupils, teachers, governors and parents/carers across The Societas Trust for their future success.

Jon Lovatt



Vision and Values of The Societas Trust.

'To create a sustainable, professional community, where all learners are valued and encouraged to achieve their potential, and all individuals are respected.'



Whilst our shared drivers and values, depicted above, underpin the ethos and culture of the Trust, each setting is also valued as an individual entity with its own special identity. So, at Societas:

All settings work collaboratively, not competitively – there is no lead setting;

Each setting retains its own senior leadership team and business manager;

Each setting retains its own local governing board.

Our shared values include:

*Honesty
Transparency
Trust
Challenge
Integrity
Accountability
Respect
Moral Leadership
Professional regard
Collaboration
Physical Health and Well-Being for all*

Our Settings

[Alsagers Primary Academy.](#)



Alsagers Bank Primary Academy is proud to have become part of The Societas Trust in September 2021.

Alsagers Bank Primary Academy is a small, semi-rural primary school located on the outskirts of Newcastle under Lyme with 157 pupils on role from Nursery to Year 6. (September 2024). We have 7 classes throughout the school and 28 staff. We work closely with Bee Active Childcare who provide 2 year old provision on our site and Bee Active who offer holiday club provision to the local community during all school holidays.

Our main school building, which dates back to 1836, is set within generous grounds with large school fields on which a dedicated area to Forest Schools has been developed and this theme of Forest Schools is reflected in our school corridor decoration.

[Ash Green Primary Academy](#)



Ash Green Primary Academy is a nurturing environment where all children feel valued, happy and secure. As a family, we learn together, laugh together and take care of each other in a school community which is passionate about caring for the body, heart and mind. Equality, fairness and respect are paramount as is our unshakeable belief that all children have an entitlement to world class opportunities regardless of background.

We aspire for all children to have a love of learning, be curious about the world we live in and to have the confidence to try new ideas and take risks. Children embrace unique talents as well as ensuring that we are 'achieving the best, together'. All within our school family take pride in the role they have by striving for excellence and not perfection. These core values mean that all children achieve their personal bests by having high expectations of themselves and others. A carefully designed curriculum and assessment system, bespoke to our school context, allows our children to make sense of the world and their place in it, as well as respecting and valuing other individuals and communities.

Ash Green has strong collaborative links with all settings within The Societas Trust. The team are outward facing in their pursuit of self-sustaining school improvement.

[Ball Green Primary School](#)

Ball Green Primary School



Every child. Every chance. Every day.

Ball Green Primary School is a welcoming, medium-sized school and nursery serving the Norton, Ball Green and nearby communities. We take pride in building strong, supportive relationships with children, families and the wider community, creating a respectful and caring environment where everyone can thrive together.

Our vision is to be a "school of smiles," where every child is happy and given the opportunity to grow and improve every day. We focus on nurturing the whole child through an inclusive, fair and consistent approach. Our goal is to prepare every child socially, emotionally and academically for success in the modern world.

We offer tailored support, including nurture groups and alternative provision for children needing extra help. From April 2026, we will expand our support with a new specialist provision for children facing social, emotional and mental health challenges.

Our curriculum is designed to deepen knowledge, skills and vocabulary through a progressive, text-based approach. We encourage cross-curricular learning and outdoor activities to inspire children, while integrating technology to prepare them for the future. At Ball Green, we aim to create confident, well-rounded learners who are ready to embrace their diverse futures.

[Burnwood Community School](#)



Burnwood Community School is a fast paced, exciting and creative school that works hard to ensure that the whole school community is supported. The achievement of our children is our top priority and everyone supports our ethos and school mission statement of 'working together to achieve our best'.

At Burnwood we support and challenge every child, to be resilient, to work hard and to do their best. We work collaboratively across the Trust and beyond to promote a culture in which openness to peer and external scrutiny are balanced by an expectation that we share talents, strengths, and expertise.

All members of the school team share the school values and have the drive to secure rapid and sustained improvement whilst also developing the culture and ethos of the school. We prioritise staff wellbeing and are deeply

[Carmountside Primary Academy](#)



Carmountside Primary Academy is a happy, warm and friendly school serving Abbey Hulton and the wider community to ensure that all children achieve more than they ever thought possible. We have a hardworking, dedicated team who provide the best for our children so they leave us having developed into confident, healthy individuals with the strength of character that enables them to achieve their full potential. We are committed to raising standards and have consistently high expectations of our children both academically and socially.

We are proud of the wide range of opportunities we offer our children. We aim to make learning enjoyable, allowing every individual to succeed in a safe, secure environment. Through our broad and balanced curriculum, we strive to create life-long learners with a hunger for knowledge whilst developing skills and values to become tolerant and respectful young people. We believe that every child has the right to quality education and that this is achieved when parents and schools work together in partnership.

[Ellison Primary Academy](#)



Ellison Primary Academy is a busy but friendly academy, where lots of exciting learning happens. We place great emphasis on children enjoying their learning experience, as well as reaching the highest possible standard of achievement. It's not just about remembering dates and facts...it's also about igniting an interest in learning that will last a lifetime. This would not be possible without our wonderful teaching and support staff. They are dedicated to making sure that all our children enjoy their time here and reach their full potential.

Our school vision is, 'Developing a caring family of creative, critical and collaborative learners'; this is achieved in our highly supportive and caring environment, where children feel safe to make mistakes, learn from those mistakes and become confident, independent learners.

[Gladstone Primary Academy](#)



Gladstone is a two-form entry Primary School situated in Longton with we currently have over 470 pupils on roll. The school was built in 2009 and we have fantastic facilities in our impressive 'state of the arts building and grounds'. Gladstone is a nurturing school where everyone's contribution is valued. We have a talented and dedicated team and a forward thinking and ambitious Governing Board. Our fantastic pupils are well mannered and polite and play an active role in the running of our school and our parents are very supportive and work well with us. We serve as a hub for our local community.

[Goldenhill Primary Academy](#)



At Goldenhill Primary Academy, we are dedicated to providing a strong foundation for every child to thrive, both academically and personally. Our mission is to help each pupil reach their full potential in a nurturing and supportive environment. Central to our ethos are values of respect, exemplary behaviour, and inclusivity, which we foster in all members of our school community, regardless of age, gender, religion, or ability. At Goldenhill, we truly believe in 'Developing the Individual.'

Our provision is designed to inspire a genuine love of learning, which we see as the cornerstone of academic success. We are committed to continuously improving outcomes for all our pupils, ensuring they are well-equipped to meet the challenges ahead. As a fully inclusive school, we warmly welcome students with special educational needs and disabilities, and are dedicated to providing the support they need to flourish.

[Oaklands Nursery School](#)



We are one of the last 2 remaining standalone Local Authority Maintained Nursery Schools in Staffordshire. We work closely with The Societas Trust as an associate partner, which is comprised of 8 primary settings in North Staffordshire, including Ellison Primary Academy. We provide education for children aged two to five years with a caring, passionate and experienced staff team.

At Oaklands, we put the children at the heart of all we do, providing a truly child centred, creative and holistic approach to early years education. Our approach nurtures and empowers children to be curious, make their own choices and become confident and resilient individuals. Through this approach, we aspire to foster a lifelong love of learning. Staff are exceptionally skilled at knowing each child's interests, needs and next steps. The partnership with the Trust makes a positive difference to leaders, staff and children due to the enhanced range of opportunities, training and support provided.

[Sandford Hill Primary School](#)



Sandford Hill Primary School is a large, two-form entry school situated in Longton, where every child is valued, nurtured and inspired to succeed.

At the heart of our school community is our motto—*Thoughtfulness, Respect and Hard Work*. These values shape daily life at Sandford Hill and can be seen in the kindness our children show one another, the strong and supportive relationships between staff and pupils, and the close partnerships we build with families and the wider community.

We pride ourselves on providing a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment where children feel happy, confident and ready to learn. Our dedicated and passionate staff team is committed to ensuring that every child receives a rich, broad and balanced curriculum. Learning at Sandford Hill is designed to be engaging, meaningful and enjoyable, encouraging curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

We believe that every child has unique talents and potential, and we work hard to ensure that all children are supported and challenged to achieve their very best.

[Summerbank Primary Academy](#)



Summerbank is a large, multicultural primary school situated in the north of Tunstall.

We provide children with an engaging, high quality, all round education in a vibrant, well-resourced and inclusive environment. We see our school as a family and we take pride in creating a caring and supportive ethos where each member thrives, our motto is 'together we grow'.

Children in our school are happy, polite and keen to learn and our talented and creative staff work hard to make sure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our curriculum is relevant and engaging and is taught well, this along with high expectations and a committed staff team ensures that children have good progress and attainment.

We are privileged to have a school community where a high proportion of our children and families originate from different areas across the world, bringing together a richness of culture and language which we celebrate at Summerbank. We want our children to take advantage of all the opportunities life has to offer - we plant the seed to grow their dreams.

Employee Benefits.

As a valued member of staff or governor at The Societas Trust, not only will you be part of an organisation that is dedicated to ensuring 'Great Learning Opportunities for All', which is embedded in our core values of Moral Leadership, Collaboration, Uniqueness and Innovation, you will also have access to a wide range of employee and governor benefits enabling you to thrive. These include:

- Automatic enrolment into guilt edged pension schemes: Teachers' Pensions Scheme for teachers; Staffordshire Local Government Pension Scheme for all other staff
- Cancer and Chronic Illness Support*
- Child Care Vouchers
- Counselling*
- Cycle To Work Scheme
- Discounted Gym Memberships
- Food Sensitivity Testing*
- Financial Wellbeing Support*
- Integrated GP Services*
- Long Service Award after 25 years' continuous service*
- Menopause Support*
- Mindfulness Support and 'Mastering Mindfulness' courses*
- Nurse Support*
- Physiotherapy*
- Private Medical Operations
- Recognition of relevant continuous service on appointment
- Staff Workshops, including Health Screening and Stress/Mindfulness Workshops
- Virtual Gym*
- Weight Management*
- Wellbeing Day - an additional day off work for your wellbeing
- Wide Range of Continuing Professional Development and Career Progression Opportunities

*These benefits are also available to our governors

(Please note that terms and conditions apply to some benefits)



Wellbeing



Vacancy Details

Job Title	Teaching and Learning Practitioner	Grade	Level 5, 28.35 hours per day Monday to Friday
Subject / Key Stage	Key Stage 2 (Y5 initially)	Salary	Actual salary £17,695 - £19,603
Closing Date	12pm Friday 11 th September 2026	Contact	office@summerbank.co.uk

Summerbank Primary Academy wish to appoint an enthusiastic Teaching and Learning Practitioner to join our hardworking and committed team.

At Summerbank we provide children with a high-quality all-round education in a vibrant, multicultural, well-resourced and creative environment. We see our school as a family and we take pride in creating a caring and supportive ethos where each member thrives. We want our children to be well equipped for the next stage of education so they can take advantage of all of the opportunities life has to offer. We are looking to appoint an individual who can add to the ethos of our school and who will show the commitment needed to help our children meet their full potential.

We offer:

- Happy, caring children who like attending our school
- A dedicated and supportive staff
- An inspiring and well-resourced learning environment
- Opportunities for professional development

The successful candidate will:

- Understand the principles of child development, learning processes and barriers to learning
- Be committed to raising standards
- Hold a relevant qualification Level 3 or above
- Have high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour, whilst also understanding the underlying causes of behaviours that may present as challenging.
- Understand the importance of providing a nurturing approach towards vulnerable pupils
- Be able to work as a member of a team, developing good working relationships with pupils and adults
- Use their own initiative while working independently
- Be able to communicate well with children, teachers and parents

- Be able to plan and implement (under guidance) effective strategies for pupils with a range of needs (learning, language, behavioural, emotional, social needs)
- Support all children with their learning including children with Special Educational Needs or other key groups
- Be an excellent practitioner
- Be adaptable and spontaneous
- Show a willingness to contribute to wider school life

NB See job description for full list of duties and responsibilities

Job Description

Job Title:	Teaching and Learning Practitioner
Setting:	Summerbank Primary Academy
Salary Grade:	Level 5

Main Purpose

To:

- Work with the class teacher to raise the learning and attainment of children.
- Promote children's independence, self-esteem, and social inclusion.
- Give support to children, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning, and experience a sense of achievement.

In the first instance this role will be with Upper Key Stage Two. Our staffing structure is reviewed every year and staff are deployed to best use their skills and to meet the needs of children.

Key Duties

Teaching and learning

- Develop an informed and efficient approach to teaching and learning by adopting relevant strategies to support the work of the teacher and increase achievement of all children including, where appropriate, those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
- Promote, support, and facilitate inclusion by encouraging participation of all children in learning and extracurricular activities.
- Use effective behaviour management strategies consistently in line with the academy's policy and procedures.
- Support class teachers with maintaining good order and discipline among children, managing behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment.
- Help to organise, prepare, and manage the teaching space and resources to help maintain a stimulating and safe learning environment.
- Observe children's performance and pass observations on to the class teacher.
- Contribute to the delivery of learning linked to children's individual targets (SEND, EAL) and the review of these.
- Implement interventions for groups of children and individuals as agreed by the SENCo/class teacher and linked to their needs.
- Supervise groups of children as directed by the teacher.
- Undertake any other relevant duties given by the class teacher.
- Contribute to effective assessment and planning by supporting the monitoring, recording, and reporting of pupil performance and progress as appropriate to the level of the role.

- Supervise children at play/leisure breaks, at times of transition between lessons and activities, and on arrival at school and before departure.
- Accompanying teaching staff and children on visits and out of school activities as required and taking responsibility for a group of children under the supervision of the teacher.
- Supervise the class during the teacher's PPA (Planning and preparation time).

Health, safety, and discipline

- Promote the safety and wellbeing of children.
- Implement the academy policies for Safeguarding
- Look after and support children when directed to meet personal needs.

Professional development

- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures.
- Take part in further training and development to improve own professional development and personal effectiveness.
- Regularly review the effectiveness of your role and its impact on children's progress, attainment, and well-being, refining your approaches where necessary responding to advice and feedback from Senior Leaders and the class teacher.

Communication

- Communicate effectively with other staff members and children, and with parents and carers under the direction of the class teacher.
- Use IT systems efficiently and effectively to communicate and collaborate.
- Respond quickly to emails and messages.
- Provide teachers with clerical / administrative support, as necessary.

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- With the class teacher collaborate and work with colleagues, specialist advisory teachers and other relevant professionals to keep them accurately informed of performance and progress or concerns they may have about the children they work with.
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues.

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school.
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies, and practices of the school, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality.
- Demonstrate positive attitudes, values, and behaviours to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community.
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity.

Management of staff and resources

- Direct and supervise children in the appropriate use of resources ensuring they are maintained to a high standard and looked after responsibly.

Other areas of responsibility

- Register the attendance of and supervise learners, before, during or after school sessions as appropriate.

- To demonstrate a commitment to the full life of the school and to work with all members of staff to ensure the success of whole school initiatives and assemblies, fayres and fund raising, open evenings and other activities as they occur in school.
- Administer medication to children as authorised or assigned.

Please note that this job description is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken, commensurate with the grade. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the postholder will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the Headteacher.

Person Specification

Qualifications and Experience

- Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education, or other relevant qualification
- GCSEs at Grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English and Maths.
- Experience of working with children.

Skills and Knowledge

- Good literacy and numeracy skills.
- Good organisational skills.
- Ability to build effective working relationships with children and adults.
- Skills and expertise in understanding the needs of all children.
- Knowledge of how to help adapt and deliver support to meet individual needs.
- Subject and curriculum knowledge relevant to the role, and ability to apply this effectively in supporting teachers and children.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Active listening skills.
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Knowledge of guidance and requirements around safeguarding children.
- Good ICT skills, particularly using ICT to support learning.
- Understanding of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and whole school context.

Personal Qualities

- Enjoyment of working with children.
- To be hard working, dedicated, flexible and dedicated to making a difference
- Sensitivity and understanding, to help build good relationships with children.
- A commitment to getting the best outcomes for all children and promoting the ethos and values of the school.
- Commitment to always maintaining confidentiality.
- Commitment to safeguarding children' wellbeing and equality.
- Willingness to contribute to the wider life of school.

Application Guidance:

If you decide to apply for this post applicants are required to complete an application form, CVs will not be accepted. Your formal letter of application (supporting statement) should be no more than 1300 words and should include:

- Why you are attracted to the post
- How your experiences and achievements address the job description and personal specification

For further details and to request an application form please email office@summerbank.co.uk / visit the academy or The Societas Trust website.

Visits to the Academy are strongly encouraged prior to application, to arrange please call the office on 01782 233611 (NB school is closed for the summer holidays until Tuesday 1st September 2026)

Deadline for applications: 12.00pm Friday 11th September 2026

Interviews: w/c 14th September 2026

If you have not received communication from the academy inviting you for interview within 30 working days of the closing date of the post, you can assume that you have not been shortlisted on this occasion. We thank you for your interest in our organisation and would encourage you to apply for suitable vacancies in the future.

Safeguarding:

Summerbank Primary Academy is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people and expects all its employees to share this commitment. This post is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and all shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a criminal record self-declaration and be subject to references and online social media checks. Appointment to the post will be subject to all other necessary pre-employment checks including a satisfactory enhanced check by the Disclosure & Barring Service.

To comply with Asylum and Immigration legislation you will be required (if appointed) to provide one or more documents from the Immigration Act 2006 - List A and B. You must provide proof of current and valid permission to be in the United Kingdom and valid permission to do the type of work offered. Further information is available at: www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/employers/

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