Surrey South Farnham SCITT

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Your guide to primary teacher training with

SURREY SOUTH FARNHAM SCITT

Outstanding primary teacher training

Welcome and introduction

I am delighted to welcome you to Surrey South Farnham (SSF) SCITT. We are an innovative, leading, outstanding, well established and highly respected provider of primary initial teacher training working across all areas in Surrey and beyond. We have been rated as a top 10 UK provider.

If you are considering a career in teaching then we cannot wait to meet you. We are proud of our profession and are privileged to be able to work with so many inspirational people as we start their journey to become outstanding primary teachers and future school leaders. No day is ever the same and the rewards of working with children are incredibly hard to top!

Everything we do is focused on giving every child the best possible start in life – irrespective of background or circumstance. Children have just one chance, and we want to give them the best chance possible. Want to join us?

Our trainees are highly sought after and we deliver 100% employment every year. All trainees completed their training at a good or outstanding level last year and their feedback consistently rates the programme as being outstanding. We are Surrey's largest school-led, primary provider and are praised for our personalised approach to every trainee.

We understand how important it is for you to have as much information as possible so that you can make an informed choice. We hope that the following pages will get you started.

We hope to meet you soon.

Claire Harnden
DIRECTOR OF INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING
DEPUTY CEO

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Why become a primary teacher?

There has never been a better time to become a primary teacher. No other profession offers the combination of responsibility, challenge and reward.

Your classroom is where it all happens – excitement, discovery, awe and wonder.

You'll need to be ready for a challenge, be capable of contributing to a team of committed professionals and want to make the most from a career that grows and develops with you.

Whether you select our Salaried, PGCE, Tuition Fee, Apprenticeship or Primary with Maths training route there are financial packages in place to help you make that training year a success. Once you qualify, salaries and employment rates are very attractive. We also offer a range of leadership courses to set you on your way to the very top!

Read on to learn more about how Surrey South Farnham SCITT can help you become a world-class teacher and the benefits of training at one of the best SCITT's in the country.

"There's no such thing as a *typical* teacher"

Why choose Surrey South Farnham?

TOP 10 IN UK QUALITY

There isn't a better place to train to be a primary teacher in or around Surrey – Ofsted rated us an **"Outstanding"** provider of Initial Teacher Training in all areas.

Working with our partner schools and experienced professional mentors, our training ensures the teachers of tomorrow are prepared for the challenges and rewards of working in a primary school.

PARTNERSHIP

There is no better place than a school to learn how to teach, and our network of schools is second to none.

Our partner schools are the vital ingredient in the success of our training. They offer trainees a varied, supporting and challenging environment to learn their trade.

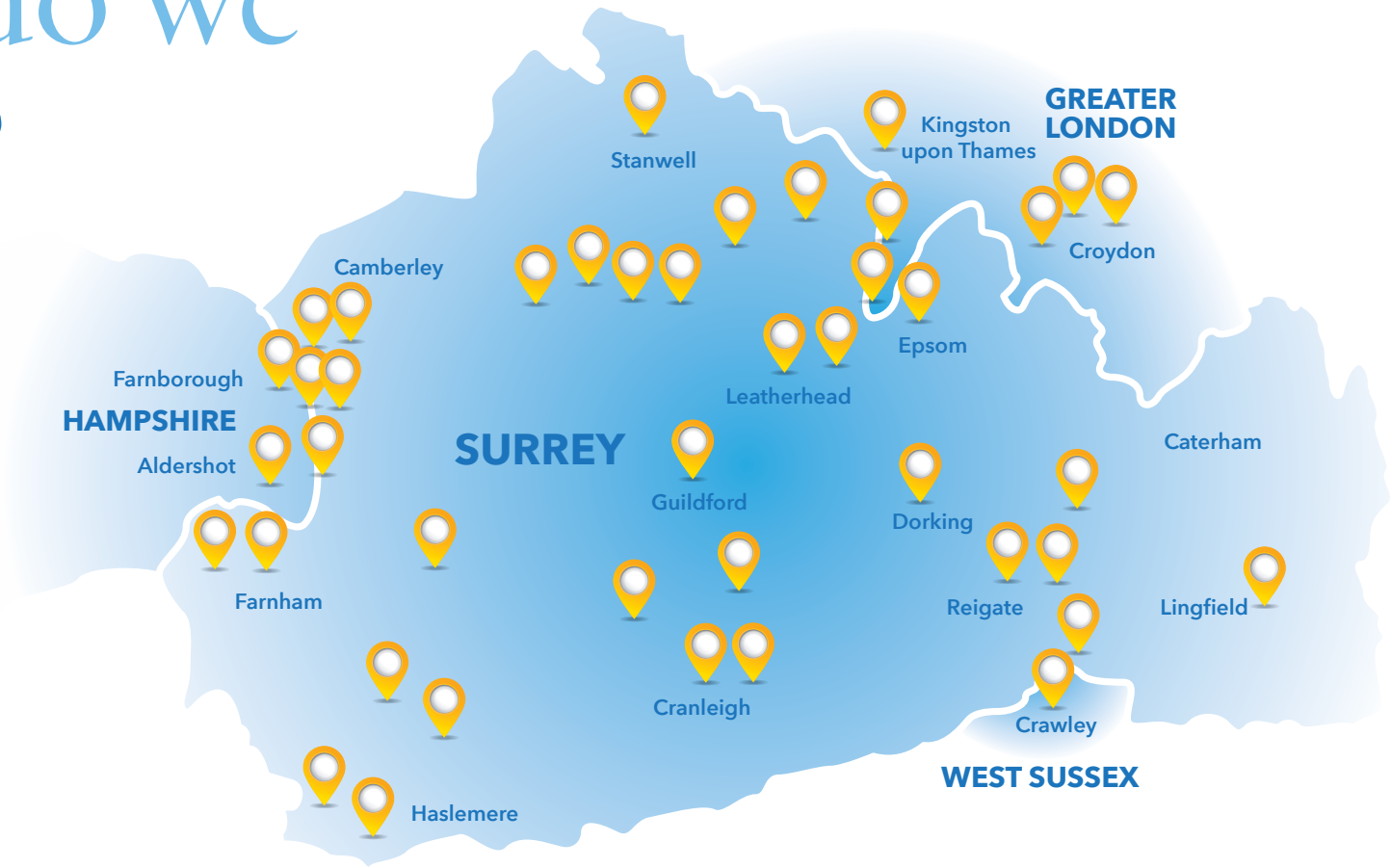
SUPPORT

We're with you every step of the way. We have a dedicated SCITT support team who help make the training process as smooth as possible.

Each trainee also has an experienced school-based mentor and external support tutor who offer support, guidance and advice. All our trainees can also access our online training platform.

Where do we operate?

We're proud of our excellent network of primary schools. They allow us to offer a world class training experience to all our trainees.



Click here to see where our partners are based.

Case study – Chris Baker

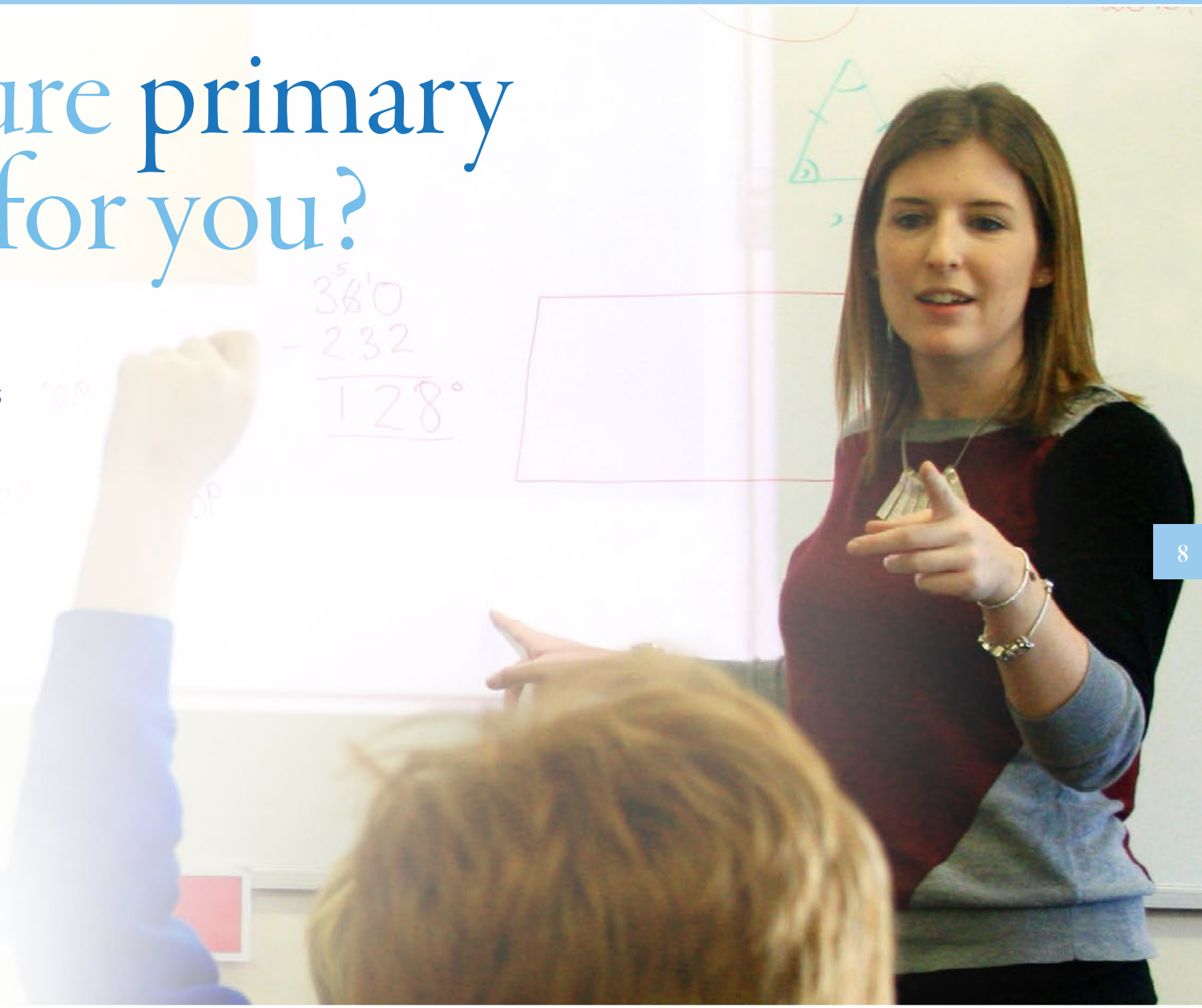
I wanted to train through SSF SCITT partly because I came to teaching slightly later than many of my colleagues. It was important to me to be part of a school community as quickly as possible – I knew I would learn so much from being there. The opportunity to train locally, as part of a team of outstanding teachers, in an outstanding SCITT partnership, was very exciting. I couldn't have asked for a better start.

From day one I felt like a member of the school team. Being based in my host school from the beginning has allowed me to really immerse myself in the job. I've been able to see my impact on children's learning and develop my skills and knowledge. The experienced teachers here couldn't have been more helpful. I'm confident in the classroom and am developing my own personal style.

I enjoyed my year as a SCITT trainee. The support provided by SSF SCITT was invaluable, my mentor challenged and supported me the whole way and I made a real contribution to the school.

> "From day one I felt like a *member of the school team*"

So you're sure primary teaching is for you?



Great news! Let's ensure you have the necessary qualifications to join one of our courses.

You'll need a:

- **Minimum of a Grade C (or a new grade 4) GCSE in Maths, English and Science or equivalent,**
- **A degree or equivalent**

If you tick both boxes you can submit an application via UCAS.

Before starting any initial teacher training course with us we will look at your fundamental skills in English and mathematics in order for us to support your training.

We would advise getting some **classroom experience** to help make an informed decision. We'd love to meet you. Come along to one of our information events.

Which course should I choose?

You'll want to select the course which works best for you. Here's some of the detail to help you make the right choice.

	School Direct Salaried & Apprenticeship	**School Direct** Tuition	**School Direct** PGCE
QTS	✔	✔	✔
Award of PGCE	X	X	✔
60 Masters Credits	X	X	✔
Salary paid by host school	✔	X	X
Fees covered by grant/levy	✔	X	X
Tuition fees of £8,680	X	✔	X
Tuition fees of £9,250	X	X	✔
Student loan available	X	✔	✔
Applications tend to be supported by an employing school	✔	X	X
Gradual increase in teaching hours	✔	✔	✔
Expectation of employment within host school or partnership	✔	✔	✔
Opportunity to follow maths specialism	✔	✔	✔

How do I apply?

Once you're sure you have the minimum requirements and you know which of our courses is best for you, you can begin your application.

STEP 1 ENSURE YOU HAVE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

STEP 2 SELECT THE TYPE OF COURSE WHICH BEST SUITS YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

STEP 3 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION VIA UCAS

COURSE CODE	COURSE DETAILS
2ML3	**Primary General (with maths)** – School Direct – **Tuition fee**
2ML4	**Primary General** - School Direct - **Salaried**
2ML5	**Primary General** - School Direct - **Tuition fee**
2ML6	**Primary General (with maths)** - School Direct - **Salaried**
2NCQ	**PGCE** - School Direct
3BZ5	**Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship**
3DYB	**Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship (with Maths)**

The UCAS portal will open to applications in October 2019.

The Training Year

AUTUMN

Weekly programme of:
3 days in a host school*
1 day school based training*
1 day Professional Studies

SPRING

Weekly programme continued:
Six week placement in a second school - new age range

SUMMER

Teaching practice at your host school
Final assessment
Award of QTS

We know how much of a challenge training to be a teacher is. That's why, regardless of which course you choose, we'll ensure you get all the support you need during your training year.

We start you off slowly, building your confidence as you go. We mix practical classroom work with theory and professional training so you get the best of both worlds.

As you become more skilled, we support you as you move schools to gain more experience in a new environment.

In the Summer term, you return to your host school for more teaching and your final assessment.

Key points...

- Training takes place in a host school – what better place to learn?
- Individualised training – you will have a school-based Mentor and external Support Tutor assigned to train and assess you.
- Assessment is continuous throughout the year.
- Gradual increase in teaching hours over the year.
- A six week second placement in a contrasting school and second age range during the Spring Term.
- Weekly diverse and engaging professional studies training – rated by OFSTED as **'training of the highest quality'**.

**Salaried trainees and apprentices follow a bespoke programme.*

FAQs

Q I am completing my degree, can I still make an application?

A Yes, you can continue to make an application and if successful at shortlisting and interview a conditional offer will be made subject to you gaining the necessary degree outcome before August 31.

Q My degree isn't related to a national curriculum subject, will you accept it?

A Yes.

Q I don't have one of my GCSEs, can I still make an application?

A You'll need to gain the necessary qualification before August 31.

Q What equivalent exams do you accept?

A We accept exams from www.equivalencytesting.com

Q I have an adult literacy/numeracy level 2, is this acceptable?

A No, unfortunately we do not accept adult literacy or adult numeracy level 2 as GCSE equivalent.

Q I have an international qualifications. What do I do?

A You contact UK NARIC on www.naric.org.uk/

Q Do I have to apply through UCAS?

A Yes, there are no exceptions. The UCAS site is the place to go to begin your application.

Q What is the course code for the SSF SCITT course I'm interested in?

A See page 10 for UCAS course codes.

Q What campus code do I use?

A Simply select the closest option to your home address. This will not be your host school but will help us to place you into the best geographical cohort.

Q I want a salaried place but don't have a school. Can I still apply?

A You can still apply but we advise that you seek a supporting school. Some schools advertise for salaried applicants on their website.

Q I have no school experience, do I need it?

A There is no mandatory requirement to gain school experience before applying to us but we would recommend that you get some. You want to ensure that teaching is for you and schools may have changed a great deal since you were last at school. Contact one of your local schools who largely welcome short voluntary experiences, especially when linked to possible application for teacher training courses.

Q I don't have a supporting school, will you help me to find one?

A Yes. We will aim to place you in a school as close to your home as possible.

Q Will I be expected to teach a class on day one of the programme?

A No. Our tuition fee programme starts initially with small groups of children, building up to teaching one lesson and by the summer term you will be teaching the children four days of the week. Salaried trainees and apprentices will have a gradually increasing timetable but may be expected to teach a small amount from the beginning of the programme.

Q Do I have to apply for a maths bursary?

A No. If you are eligible for the 'with mathematics' programme you are automatically entitled to the bursary. The Director of ITT is responsible for ensuring these payments are made to you from October to July.

Q Do I have to pass tests in Maths and English?

A All applicants to initial teacher training in the UK will have to demonstrate competence in fundamental skills (English and mathematics) by the end of the training year. Our training includes support with this.

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> "Training of the *highest quality* which enables trainees to *put theory into practice* in the classroom"

Come along to an information session and meet us face to face

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Our website will always hold the latest information. October 2019.