



# Applicant Information Pack

*For every child, an Excellent Education*

## School Administrator



## Headteacher Letter to Applicants

Thank you for the interest you have shown in our school. Coleham is a wonderful community school and is a really special place, full of special people.

We thrive on a fast-paced, vibrant learning environment with lots of outdoor learning and a jam-packed enrichment programme and careers education.

We are a popular school and are fully subscribed with around 432 children on roll, in 14 classes. There are two classes in each year group, so teachers have the benefit of planning and sharing expertise and Teachers and Teaching Assistants work closely in Key Stage teams led by a Phase Leader.

Whilst our school is large in terms of the number of children, it has a close-knit feeling of a much smaller school. The school grounds are vast, including a wonderful conservation area and lots of additional buildings and rooms to facilitate our excellent SEND provision.

Coleham is a successful school where pupils achieve excellent results on all measures. We pride ourselves on 'Creativity' and a love for all the subjects in our 'Creative Curriculum', embracing special talents and celebrating all successes. We take great pride in our school. Our Senior Leadership Team is constantly in pursuit of excellence whilst putting the children's best interests at the heart of all decision making. We are a very dedicated whole school team who set high expectations for ourselves and others and have well-being, enjoyment and excellence at the centre of our positive ethos.

We are committed to enriching the curriculum for our children through a wide range of after school- clubs, trips, performances, House competitions, community work and collaboration with other schools. It is important to us to offer as many opportunities as possible to the children and regularly draw on the local links and town centre history that sits on our door step.

We have a very inclusive approach. All children do well at our school and our Pastoral Lead and Nurture staff support children, parents and teachers within the school.

Pupils are well behaved and enjoy their learning. We aim to make Coleham School so brilliant that pupils and staff love coming to school!

We are committed to continued professional development, staff progression and career pathways for all our staff and foster open, professional and respectful relationships. We are externally facing and embrace opportunities to regularly work with other schools and share best practice. Our staff well-being and happiness is paramount as we know they are our greatest asset.



Tom Larkham, Headteacher

## Letter from the CEO

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in this role. I am delighted you are considering The 3-18 Education Trust.

We are seeking to appoint an organised and proactive Administrator with a successful track record of effective practice and delivering high quality levels of service. With an expected growth in the size of the Trust over the next few years, this is an exciting new role. The Trust central team prides itself on a high-quality support operation for our schools, to ensure that all young people in our Trust are given the best possible education.

The 3-18 Education Trust is a multi-academy trust with students aged from 3-18 and which works collaboratively to provide interesting and exciting opportunities for staff to share ideas, resources and expertise, for the benefit of the students. Our Schools serve their communities of small villages and the larger towns throughout Shropshire.

Our Trust has a philosophy that ensures that each school within the Trust has its own Head and Local Governing Body and can maintain its own ethos and independence whilst enjoying support and additional capacity where required from the Trust. The Trust is absolutely committed to ensuring that each of its constituent schools retains its unique identity, whilst the combined experience and expertise available provide a dynamic synergy. Our school within our Trust is an excellent place to develop your career.

This recruitment pack contains details about our Multi Academy Trust, the commitment to our staff and students and information about each of our unique schools. Please explore our website and read the additional materials included in this pack to find out more.

If you decide that you have the energy, enthusiasm and experience to enhance our culture and make a difference, then we look forward to your application. If you would like to arrange an informal discussion then please contact our Team via email [admin@col.318education.co.uk](mailto:admin@col.318education.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



**David O'Toole**  
**Chief Executive**

## About our Trust



The 3-18 Education Trust is currently made up of ten schools and derives its name from the age range of the pupils and students who attend those schools. We have an inclusive ethos, defined by age and we recognise that education is a continuous process, secured through consistent values and a strong transition (through the key stages).

### Our Vision:

To ensure every individual is in a great school.

### Our Mission:

To celebrate the diverse nature, culture and identity of our individual schools, whilst enjoying the benefit of the team, so that each school is reciprocal in their support for one another and achieves together.

### Our Values:

- **Accomplished:** to provide high quality education and training for all
- **Resilient:** to be solution focused and able to intelligently manage challenges
- **Compassionate:** to show care and understanding towards others

Not only do we pursue the important dimension of achieving the best results for each student regardless of their starting point, but we also believe strongly that education is about developing well-rounded individuals who are ready, willing and able to make their contribution to society.

Please take a look at our [Trust website](https://www.3-18education.co.uk) (<https://www.3-18education.co.uk>) for more details on what we offer. For information about each of our schools, please read on or click on the below links.



## The 3-18 Trust: What We Offer

### Hours & Working Weeks

Work-life balance is important in our Trust.

Having the ability to organise your working hours in a way that suits you, whilst not compromising your hours and standard of work, alongside meeting the requirements of the post and the needs of the Trust can help to achieve this work-life balance. It may be to avoid a busy commute or to allow time to work around childcare or caring for dependents. We will be looking for core-working hours, which will be agreed with the successful applicant and other hours are to be worked around other commitments.

We also support home-working and this will be discussed at interview.

You must exhibit a high level of self-motivation and self-discipline and be able to manage your own time effectively for this to be successful.

### **In addition to a comprehensive induction and a commitment to your ongoing training and career progression, we also offer:**

#### ✓ **Unbeatable Pension Scheme**

Thinking about your future? We are too and it's never too early. We'll automatically enrol you onto the relevant pension scheme – we will pay a whopping 28.68% into your Teachers Pension scheme or 19% if you are a member of our amazing support staff through the local government pension scheme – you'll find it hard to beat that.

#### ✓ **Holiday**

Whilst holiday allowances vary across the roles, we offer no less than 27 days plus bank holidays– and to top it off, your holiday entitlement grows as your career does – as after five years' service you'll be awarded five extra days. Plus, we run a special leave policy making allowances for paid time off for those unplanned life events or family milestones that we just wouldn't expect you to miss.

#### ✓ **Saving Scheme**

Saving for those rainy days has never been easier than with our salary savings scheme where you can have your savings taken directly from your salary into an accredited savings scheme.

#### ✓ **Support for you and your family**

We understand that becoming a parent, growing your family or looking after those who mean the most to you, can be life changing. That's why we're proud to provide policies that fit around your family, whenever you might need it.

#### ✓ **Your wellbeing**

It's a top priority for us, and that's why we look after your physical wellbeing with free eye tests, flu vaccinations, and an outstanding occupational health service. We also look after

your mental wellbeing too, with our employee assistance programme, providing legal, financial, health, parenting and life advice with 24 hour access for you and your family members. We also provide access to independent counselling specialists to beat those long waiting lists and ensure you have access to the right support at the right time.

✓ **Online GP Service**

Struggling to get an appointment with your local GP, we've got you covered. As an employee at The 3-18 Education Trust you will have 24 hour access to a GP appointment, these usually take place within 2 days at a time to suit you, prescriptions provided when required to be collected at your local pharmacy. This service is also open to your dependants.

✓ **We've always got you covered**

If the unexpected happens – for example, you can't work because of illness or you're in an accident – we've got you covered with excellent sick pay benefits. Plus, in the event of death in service, we'll pay up to three times your salary. All these give you financial protection and take away any worries – all at no cost to you.

✓ **Cycle to work scheme**

Choose a brand-new bike and accessories and save on tax and National Insurance. Select a bike worth up to £3,000 and spread the cost over 12 months, interest free.

✓ **Home and Electronics Scheme**

The latest Xbox on the birthday list? Washing machine broken down at just the wrong time of year? We have you covered with our newest salary sacrifice scheme, open all year round and open to all staff, spreading the payments for those expensive items over 12 months.

✓ **Awards for long service**

We owe so much to our long-serving colleagues. That's why we're all about rewarding their continuous service and celebrating their key milestones. Just the way it should be.

✓ **Career Progression**

From bitesize learning right through to professional qualifications. With our trust wide dedicated CPD leads, we believe every colleague should have the chance to progress – personally, professionally and as far as possible.

✓ **Additional Perks**

Many of our sites have access to freshly made hot meals at a discounted rate, free carparking, gyms and swimming pools all open to members of staff at greatly reduced rates or free



## Application & Appointment Process

An application form is available on the school website. Please complete and return it promptly, highlighting your relevant experience, skills, and personal qualities.

For an informal conversation, contact School Business Manager Tracy Othen Mob: 07900 955 032.

**School Tours:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.15pm

There is no need to book, simply show up at School Reception.

**Application Deadline:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 9:00am

**Interview Date:** April 2026

**Submit Applications to:** [recruitment@col.318education.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@col.318education.co.uk)

Interviews will be offered to applicants who best match the person specification and job description.

If invited for an interview, bring evidence of qualifications and documents for the DBS application process.

### Important Notes:

- Please complete all elements of the application form, incomplete forms will not be put through shortlisting.
- CVs are not accepted.
- The 3-18 Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check and, where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check.
- This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013, 2020 and 2023). Guidance on disclosing convictions can be found on the [Ministry of Justice website](#).
- Under the Immigration Act 2016, candidates for customer-facing roles must meet the necessary standard of spoken English.
- It is an offence to apply if barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.
- Employment is subject to medical fitness, satisfactory references, right to work in the UK, and an Enhanced DBS check. Online checks will be carried out on successful applicants.

