

## Why join a Teaching School Alliance?



### What is a Teaching School?

- Teaching Schools are groups of Department for Education approved schools that work collaboratively with others to provide high quality professional development, school improvement work and Initial Teacher Training
- They are part of the DfE's goal to give schools a central role in raising standards by developing a self-improving and sustainable school-led system
- Schools in Teaching School Alliances benefit from the highest quality CPD, share best practice, are kept up to date with the latest education developments, take part in peer reviews and evidence based-research, have access to local, national and international expertise and demonstrate that they are outward facing
- Schools can both benefit from and contribute to support provided by the Teaching School Alliance

### What are Pickwick's aims?

Our aim is simple: **to improve standards and life experiences for all pupils and adults within our alliance.**

We do this by:

- Providing high quality School to School support that is focussed on school improvement, and is sustainable, accessible and inclusive
- Narrowing the achievement gap between children who are eligible for free school meals and those who aren't
- Providing outstanding Initial Teacher Training, and recruiting and training the very best teachers
- Providing high quality CPD for teachers and leaders that is linked to improving outcomes for children
- Identifying potential leaders at all levels and to develop excellence in specialist areas
- Developing outstanding practice through shared research and development

### Why join Pickwick?

- Collaborative network of schools, nurseries, businesses, charities and universities across 5 local authority areas
- FREE for a year and then £2.50 per pupil if you choose to stay in
- FREE annual Teaching & Learning Conference for all your staff
- 20% off all courses and services with proven impact track record
- Be paid to host courses and visiting teachers, and for releasing your expert staff to support in other schools
- Gain access to specialist leaders of education, through extra DfE funding, to help you improve outcomes in your school
- Participate in evidence-based research and development projects
- Improve subject leader knowledge and skills through networks
- Take part in supported peer review process and demonstrate you are outward-facing, open and reflective
- Contribute as much or little as you wish: lead an area of Teaching School work, release your staff to support schools in challenging circumstances, collaborate with others, host trainee teachers, or send a teacher on one course - it's up to you!

"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives"

--Robert John Meehan

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