



Dear Headteachers,

RE: Initial Teacher Training Development

As you are hopefully aware, the Swaledale Alliance has entered a new partnership with Red Kite Teacher Training to extend the Initial Teacher Training (ITT) offer within the Alliance and surrounding areas. This is an additional offer for ITT and enhances that which is already in place via High Force Education SCITT, where a small hub of 4-6 trainees undertake their teacher training each year from the Synergy Schools Federation (Brompton-on-Swale and Crakehall CE Primary Schools). The two providers will be working in partnership to provide the Alliance's ITT strategy from next academic year.

Each year, approximately 15-20 newly qualified teachers (soon to be renamed 'Early Career Teachers') are employed by schools in our area. This new partnership will ensure that we are training a similar number to that which gains employment in our schools.

From September 2021, an additional training venue for ITT trainees will operate from Alverton Primary School, Northallerton. This will be known as the Red Kite ITT Training Venue where trainees will attend training sessions throughout the academic year.

As part of the programme, trainees will undertake two school-based placements where they will develop their practice. Currently, several schools within the Alliance provide training placements for a range of providers. From September 2021, we are seeking schools willing to support trainees through the Red Kite programme supported by the Alliance. Any offers of support would be gladly received and this does not restrict you in offering placements with other training providers, including High Force.

A feature of the Red Kite programme is the opportunity to provide high quality training for the trainees delivered by current teachers with a particular area of expertise. We currently have several colleagues in our local schools who are already involved in facilitating training for trainees and hope that they will be involved in this programme. If you are aware of any colleagues that have an area of specialism and would like to be considered as a facilitator then we are seeking expressions of interest.

What are we asking?

In order to support the planning and development of this provision, we are asking for a moment of your time to complete the short survey by following this link;

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ub-ABXbxVUqaXhROp33HwamZEwPnZfpOsUsV1rsAmAIUQ0NFRIZSVE5GR0dCWDZQTzBPUVZWQINyTy4u>

Open event

To help us publicise this programme, we would appreciate your support in promoting an open evening for the programme. Please use the attached advert to promote the programme via newsletters, on your website or through your various social media channels and include the following link to book a place; [Swaledale Alliance Open Evening Tickets, Wed 10 Mar 2021 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](#)

And finally...

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the Red Kite offer then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the following email; j.mottram@leeminglondonderry.n-yorks.sch.uk

Regards,

Jo Mottram
SLE for ITT & NQT Development



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make a
difference?**

**Open Evening
5:30pm
Wednesday
10th March**



in partnership with



- **Train Where You Live**
- **Dedicated support team**
- **Placements available in town, village, community & church schools**
- **Qualify with QTS and a PGCE from University of Leeds**

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