

## Primary School Teacher

### What is it?

A Primary School Teacher is responsible for educating children aged 4-11. They plan lessons, deliver teaching, assess student progress, and create a safe and supportive environment for learning. Primary teachers are responsible for teaching a broad range of subjects including English, Maths, Science, and sometimes even the arts, PE, and music.

### Qualifications/Experience Required:

To become a Primary School Teacher, you must have a degree (usually a BA or BSc) in Education or in a specific subject, such as English or Maths, followed by Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or an undergraduate teacher training route like a BA Education with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). You also need to have GCSEs (or equivalent) in English, Maths, and Science (at least grade 4/C).

### What the Work Involves:

Preparing and delivering lessons in various subjects. Lessons are tailored to the age and ability of the students. Managing classroom activities and maintaining student engagement during lessons. Assessing Student Progress: Monitoring student progress and keeping records of their achievements. Giving feedback to students and helping them improve their skills. Implementing strategies to support children with diverse learning needs. Administrative Duties:

### Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

There is a consistent demand for primary school teachers, particularly in subjects like Maths, English, and Science. However, some regions may experience teacher shortages, which can increase job opportunities in those areas. Primary teachers may progress to leadership roles such as Head of Department, Deputy Headteacher, or Headteacher.

**Annual Salary £18,000 - £60,000**

**Typical weekly hours: 47 hours – 49**

### Type of person who may be suited to this job:

Have a genuine passion for working with children and a strong desire to make a difference in their lives. Are patient, empathetic, and enjoy being a positive role model. Have strong communication and interpersonal skills. Are creative and adaptable to make learning fun and engaging.

### Money/Wage Guide:

**Starting salaries** range £24,000 to £28,000 per year (*depending on location*)

**With experience**, can earn between £30,000 and £40,000.

**Senior Teachers** may earn over £60,000

### Related Opportunities:

- Teaching Assistant
- SEND Teacher
- School Administrator
- Educational Psychologist

### Further Information:

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