Interview process

Prior to interview, we invite you to visit one of our schools for an informal discussion about the course and the Black Pear Teaching Alliance.

The interview process involves one online interview with school and university colleagues during which you will be asked to engage in a range of teaching and learning related activities. The process is designed to help us decide on your potential to become a great teacher.

You will be told in advance what you will be expected to prepare and a member of the University team will be in contact with you at all points of the process to guide and advise. To help you prepare for your interview, you can expect questions covering the following:

The role of being a teacher - both the positives and the challenges

Your ability to identify the skills and qualities a teacher requires

Your understanding of current issues in primary education and the wider role of a teacher

Your knowledge of professionalism and how teachers demonstrate this

How schools and teachers keep children safe

In addition, we are looking for enthusiasm, commitment and potential to train to become a great primary teacher. Clear written and oral communication skills are integral to this which you will have an opportunity to demonstrate throughout the interview.