School Placement Choices

Use this document to help you select your options when applying for a school placement through the Careers Gateway.

When you complete an application form for a school placement, you will be asked to specify the following:

- The Key Stages (age groups) you would like to work with
- The subjects you would be comfortable working with
- Any other areas e.g. SEN, clubs etc. that you would be able to help support
- You are also able to specify what your ideal placement would be, so that the team can try to match you with your first choice where possible.

When making your choices, please be as flexible as you can, we offer our placements to students based upon school need, and therefore it may not always be the case that you get your first choice of placement. When matching you with a place we take into account your location, subject and year group preferences as much as possible.
Selecting an age group

Please select all of the age groups you would be able to work with, if you are not sure or don’t mind, please select all and we will place you based on your subject interests.

Selecting Secondary Level Subjects

If you have indicated you would like to work with secondary level students, please specify which subjects you would feel comfortable supporting. This does not necessarily mean that you need an A-Level or equivalent qualification to support this subject. For example, supporting an Art class would not require an Art qualification. As long as you feel comfortable supporting a class, you will be more than welcome to assist in the classroom, enthusiasm is key!

Primary Level Options (Key stages 1&2 and Foundation)

For this age group, classes are often mixed with regard to subjects so you may be required to help with a range of topics, maths or literacy work. However, some primary schools and pre-schools ask for help with Special Educational Needs (children who are identified as needing additional support due to a learning difficulty or disability), after school clubs, or English language support. If you would prefer not to support with any of this additional needs, please just select “General Classroom Support”.

Your first choice or ‘ideal’ placement

This box gives you the opportunity to tell us what your ideal placement would be, we cannot always guarantee the perfect placement as certain subjects and locations are in high demand, however we will do our best so please give us as much detail as you would like to in your answer.