

Applications

Tips for writing supporting statement

1. Outline your reasons for wanting to become a teacher.
2. Describe your recent experiences of being in a school setting and what you have learned from this.
3. Describe why you have chosen to teach this particular subject and how your degree and experiences will help you. Explain how you feel you will be able to cover the subject knowledge for the primary curriculum.
4. Write your statement with a pupil learning focus.
5. Describe any experiences you have had of working with young people and what you have learned from this.
6. Include knowledge that you have about the wider educational landscape to evidence that you have researched the teaching profession.
7. Include situations where you have displayed core personal qualities such as:
 - Resilience
 - Reflectiveness
 - Determination
 - Openness to feedback
 - Resourcefulness
8. Describe and evaluate situations in which you have:
 - managed other people
 - led initiatives
 - monitored and assessed other people
 - supported others
9. Always remember:
 - be concise
 - don't begin each sentence with 'I'
 - ask someone to check your application
 - avoid spelling and grammatical errors
 - support each statement with evidence or examples