

ITE Primary Mentor Newsletter

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Dear Professional Coordinating Mentors (PCMs), Training Coordinators and Class Based Mentors (CBMs),

We hope this half term has started smoothly and thank you for supporting our trainees through their first week of block placement. This week sees our trainees start their second week of planning, teaching and evaluation of their practice. Thank you for all you continue to do to support them in this. Also occurring this week is our fourth mentor training session, which explores learning and assessment will take place on Tuesday 7th November. Please find the link to this training and recordings of previous sessions below. We will also be hosting a PCM training session and drop in on Thursday 9th November. Please see below for further details.

Best wishes,

The St Mary's Partnership Team

For those hosting PGCE Primary with QTS (Part Time and Full Time) - Week 2 Block Placement

Quality Assurance: M&QAs should now be taking place or already completed. Thank you for hosting our link tutors in this quality assurance of students' school experience. If any additional support is required, please do contact your link tutor to consider the implementation of an Additional Support Plan (ASP).

Teaching Expectations: This week sees them plan and deliver 2 consecutive maths, 2 consecutive English and 1 foundation subject. Please note that our PE specialists should teach PE as their foundation lesson. They will greatly appreciate your support with planning and informal feedback after their lessons. **Only one of these lessons needs to be formally observed.**

Weekly Curriculum Foci and Research: The weekly foci for this week are planning effective lessons (CCF4) and delivering a coherently sequenced curriculum (CCF3). This is underpinned by the principles of Rosenshine, with a particular focus on principles 2 and 4, which explain that teachers should present new material in small steps with pupil practice after each step and that teachers should provide models to help pupils to learn and solve problems effectively. Further details can be found [here](#). Trainees will also be asked to observe expert colleagues with a focus on the above concepts. Please refer to the training plan for greater detail.

PCM Training and Drop In: Please join us at our PCM drop in session on Thursday 9th November 4-5pm by [clicking here](#). We will cover progress records, school based professional studies and supporting your mentors, as well as answering any questions you might have. As always, please do not hesitate to be in touch if we can provide any assistance or answer any questions. Contact details can be found below.

Useful Links

[St Mary's Partnership Portal](#)

[School Experience Handbook](#)

[ITT Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Key Documents for Partnership Schools](#)

[Overview of PGCE Foundation School Experience](#)

[PGCE Foundation Training Plan](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership Team if there is any additional information we can provide or any questions we can answer.

Reminder: School Based Professional Studies Programme

As discussed in our PCM training session, please find below a template for the St Mary's School Based Professional Studies programme and an exemplar. Please click [here](#) to confirm the Professional Studies delivery in your school.

[St Mary's School Based PS Template](#)

[St Mary's School Based PS Exemplar](#)

Mentor Training Recordings and Upcoming Session 4

Please access the recording of [Session 2: Professional Practice](#) and [Session 3: Inclusive Learning Environments](#).

Session 4: Learning and Assessment is on 7th November 4-5pm. [Click here!](#)

More information about our training requirements can be found [here](#).

Useful Contacts

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Primary Partnerships Team

[Abyasa Help](#) (Support with Abyasa)

Your trainee's Link Tutor is the first port of call for placement queries, but please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership team if additional support is needed.