

ITE Primary Mentor Newsletter

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Dear Professional Coordinating Mentors (PCMs), Training Coordinators and Class Based Mentors (CBMs),
We hope you have had a productive week. Please find below key messages and information, including overviews and keys documents relating to your placement at the bottom of this page. We also remind Training coordinators with PGCE students to arrange a lesson observation if you haven't done so already.
Best wishes, The St Mary's Partnership Team

For those hosting PGCE Primary with QTS (Part Time and Full Time) - Week 5 Block Placement

Teaching Expectations: This week sees trainees plan and deliver 8 lessons, with a focus on the foundation subjects. Within this, trainees should aim to teach all the foundation subjects as well as a science and PE lesson. Again, **only one of these lessons needs to be formally observed.**

Weekly Curriculum Foci and Research: This week's foci centre around adaptive teaching and assessment. Trainees are encouraged to reflect on the use of questions and the importance of checking for understanding to identify and address misconceptions. Please discuss with your trainee what questions they have planned in their lessons in order to check how well students have learned the information taught. For more details, please refer to the training plan.

For those hosting Year 1 BA Primary Education with QTS - Serial Days

Serial Day Expectations: There are no formal teaching expectations again for our Year 1 trainees during their serial days. Trainees will continue to build relationships with the children in the class and observe expert colleagues as they settle into school. If they haven't already, mentors will be contacted by link tutors to arrange the Initial training meeting.

Weekly Curriculum Foci: Our trainees will continue to focus on how expert colleagues set high expectations and manage behaviour as they begin to establish their classroom presence. Some may take the opportunity to lead on tasks to begin establishing their classroom presence and we appreciate you modelling this to our trainee.

ECT Exchange –: Please circulate our [ECT Newsletter](#) and [ECT Exchange invitation](#) to any ECTs in your school! We would love to support them as they start their career!

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](#)
[Overview of Year 1 BA QTS School Experience](#)
[Year 1 BA QTS Training Plan](#)
[Year 1 BA QTS Training Plan \(EYFS\)](#)

Mentor Training Recordings

All mentor training materials can be accessed on the portal by clicking [here](#). A reminder that mentors for our PGCE and BA Y1 Foundation placement trainees are required to engage with Session 1 and 2 and then can choose from either Session 3 or 4.

Make it even better! Enhancing the partnership

We very much welcome your feedback to ensure we continue to improve our provision and to enhance your experience as a St Mary's mentor.
This weeks theme is Mentor workload. Complete this [form](#) to tell us your thoughts!

School Based Professional Studies Programme: If you haven't already done so, 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](#)

Useful Contacts can be found on the [partnership portal](#)

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.