

ITE Professional Coordinating Mentor Newsletter

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Dear PCMs,

We hope it has been a productive week for you and your colleagues in school. Thank you for your ongoing support of our St Mary's trainees at such a busy time of the term. We are truly grateful for your partnership and contribution in training our future teachers. Lots information and resources in this week's newsletter, including a call for feedback regarding mentor workload. Please do pass this newsletter on to your mentors.

Best wishes,
The St Mary's Partnership Team

Week 8: 27th November to 1st December

This week, our trainees are asked to focus on developing fluency and helping pupils apply knowledge and skills to other contexts. With your support, trainees are encouraged to reflect on the knowledge and skills they will be teaching over the next week or two and consider how and where this content may be addressed elsewhere in the curriculum.

Additionally, trainees are also asked to reflect on their previous primary school visits and consider how this content may be introduced at KS2. Observations of expert colleagues can therefore focus on how teachers make connections between previously encountered content and new learning and in their own practice, consider how they are developing domain specific knowledge to distinguish between KS2 and KS3

Please note that trainees are also required to complete one set of observation notes this week, along with two formal written feedback sheets.

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](#)
[Foundation School Experience Training Plan](#)
[Professional Studies Curriculum Guide](#)
[PGCE Secondary Academic Year Overview](#)

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

Mentor Training Recordings

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

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](#)

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 week's theme is Mentor workload. Complete this [form](#) to tell us your thoughts!

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