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| **Welcome to the mentor Weekly Development Summary from the Department of Secondary and Further Education** **(AY 23/24)****Week 27** |
| **Course: PGCE SECONDARY SCIENCE (11-16 with QTS)** **‘Working creatively with others to enhance life chances’** |
| **Name of trainee** |  | **Trainee ID no.** |  |
| **Name of mentor** |  | **Professional Practice phase** | **Developmental Placement** |
| **Name of Link Tutor** | **Ben Porter** | **Name of setting** |  |
| **Programme** | **PGCE SECONDARY SCIENCE (11-16)** | **Week beginning** | **26th FEBRUARY 2024** |
| **Days trainee has attended this week** | **Monday****/** | **Tuesday****/** | **Wednesday****/** | **Thursday****/** | **Friday****/** |
| **Key reading for the week** | **Summary:**The DISS (Deployment and Impact of Support Staff in Schools ) project (2004-2008) in England and Wales investigated support staff characteristics, job satisfaction, and impact on pupil outcomes. It noted a significant rise in support staff numbers, notably teaching assistants, attributed to budget changes and the 2003 National Agreement aimed at reducing teacher workload. Recruitment challenges and evolving roles were highlighted. Job satisfaction was generally high, yet concerns over pay and training persisted, especially for technicians and teaching assistants, underscoring the need for addressing these issues.**Limitations:** Potential biases due to the observational nature of the study. Participants feelings, ideas, experiences are variable. The study did not ascertain the causes of the said experiences. Reliance on self-reported data may lead to inaccuracies, limiting the study's validity and reliability**.****Reference:** [https://dera.ioe.ac.uk/id/eprint/7904/1/DCSF-RR005.pdf](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdera.ioe.ac.uk%2Fid%2Feprint%2F7904%2F1%2FDCSF-RR005.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CPorterb%40edgehill.ac.uk%7Cd0b57ed97e544485bd7508dc32fc8c0c%7C093586914d8e491caa760a5cbd5ba734%7C0%7C0%7C638441307463070007%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j%2BHE1tyHNJLpzMVfr2YEwNBHMYQ7%2FidugVDQG7Bh5lE%3D&reserved=0) |
| **Support for mentoring in this subject** | Page 29 from this chapter in TOPLIS (2015) discusses the role of teaching assistants in science lessons.[WORKING IN A SCIENCE DEPARTMENT](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SlISD54-uYHtdNGR760WQE4KQb5N1nsn/view?usp=sharing)TOPLIS, R., ed., 2015. *Learning to Teach Science in Secondary School: A Companion to School Experience*.4th ed. London: Routledge. |
| **Curriculum for the week**  | **This week trainees should have demonstrated that they know:** | **Y/**N |
| Review and Respond week on Teaching Assistants.How to use Teaching Assistants effectively in science lessons. |  |
| **This week trainees should have demonstrated that they know how to:** | **Y/**N |
| Plan how TAs can support learning and improve attainment in the classroom by ensuring that during lesson preparation time TAs have the essential ‘need to knows’ such as concepts, facts, information being taught; Skills to be learned, applied, practiced, or extended; Intended learning outcomes; Expected/required feedback..  |  |
| **Questions for mentor and trainee to discuss in mentor meeting**  | **Q1:** Use the focus of discussions from mentor meetings, targets, lesson observation feedback and task to reflect on areas of focus and development.**Mentor summary of trainee response:****Q2:**  Explore and reflect on how teaching assistants are deployed and managed in your setting.**Mentor summary of trainee response:** |
| **Additional notes from mentor meeting** | For example, review of subject knowledge, relevant CPD, arrangements for upcoming lesson observation, school/department events etc. |
| **Trainee workload and well-being** | Has trainee workload and well-being been discussed? Please update any risk assessments (if applicable).**YES**/NO |
| **Opportunities identified for progress** | **To make progress through the curriculum the trainee needs to:** | **Opportunity agrees for trainee to practise, observe, or receive feedback on this target** |
| **1.** |  |
| **2.** |  |
| **3.** |  |
| **Current progress would suggest that the trainee is making sufficient progress through the curriculum to proceed:**[x]  **Yes, trainee is making sufficient progress through the curriculum.**[ ]  **Yes, trainee is making sufficient progress through the curriculum, but this has required additional support (please list the additional support provided below. For example, a reduction in teaching load, additional meetings, use of team-teaching etc).**[ ]  **No, despite additional support the trainee is not making sufficient progress through the curriculum. A Progress Support Plan should be considered.**  |

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| **Mentor** Signature |  |
| **Trainee** Signature |   |
| Trainees should ensure this WDS is submitted by the deadline for the purpose of formative assessment. Failure to do prevents the Link Tutor from assessing their progress and may result in the trainee being placed on a Progress Support Plan. |