**Welcome to the weekly Mentor, Trainee and Link Tutor briefing from the Department of Primary and Childhood Education**

**Undergraduate Year 3 Consolidation**

**Week 8: 18th – 22nd March**

Hello Mentors, Trainees and Link Tutors!

Trainees - you are approaching the ‘home stretch’ of the Consolidation Professional Practice and I hope you are enjoying the final sprint towards the finish line! Well done for demonstrating resilience and determination to get to this point. Mentors and Link Tutors – thank you once again for your gold medal support that you continue to offer our trainees. That’s enough running metaphors…

As you may be aware, across the whole Faculty of Education, Edge Hill have been graded Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ in all areas for our ITE provision. This is something that we simply could not have achieved without your amazing, dedicated, and steadfast support. On behalf of the University, I would like to offer my thanks to all Mentors and Link Tutors for your significant contribution to this outcome.

**Week 8 Trainee Expectations**

* Joint Planning and Delivery of Whole Class Inputs: 80%
* Group Work, Team Teaching, Training Tasks, Observations: 0%
* Planning, Preparation & Assessment Time: 20%

**Weekly intended curriculum expectations linked to Core Content Framework (CCF)**

The Weekly Development Summary (WDS) for **Week 8** can be located on [Mentor Space](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/category/primary-5-11-consolidation/).

The WDS will focus on the following areas this week:

* **Engage parents/carers** in supporting whole school behaviour strategies.
* Understand how to **identify systemic barriers to learning**
* Have high **expectations of all children and promoting inclusion.**
* Identify groups of children **(EAL)** and employ strategies to support outcomes for **disadvantaged pupils**.
* Apply knowledge of cognition and neuroscience when planning teaching to **avoid overloading working memory**.
* **Manage workload** effectively.

Please refer to the [Subject Component Tracker](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.edgehill.ac.uk%2Fmentorspace%2Ffiles%2F2023%2F12%2FUG-5-11-FT-Y3-Consolidation-Subject-Component-Tracker.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) to access the intended curriculum for this week.

**Research and resources**

Here are some resources and links that may be of benefit when engaging in professional dialogue for this week’s WDS.

[**GOV.UK – Reducing Teacher Workload**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7f4d82e5274a2e8ab4b5b7/6.2799_DFE_MB_Reducing_Teacher_Workload_Poster_20161213_print.pdf)

[**The Bell Foundation: Effective Teaching of EAL Learners**](https://youtu.be/veA7lEuBoQI)

[**EEF – Working Memory (Podcast)**](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/trialled-and-tested-podcast-working-memory)

This week would be an excellent opportunity for trainees to speak to members of staff with a knowledge of:

* Parental Engagement
* English as an Additional Language
* Workload & Wellbeing

**Mentors**

* **WDS**: Weekly Development Summary 8, on Mentor Space.
* **Observations & Feedback**: Please use the [feedback suggestions](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/support-for-target-setting/primary-target-setting/) available on Mentor Space to help with target setting and wording of observation forms.
* **Queries**: If you have any queries, please contact your Link Tutor who will be happy to assist.

**Link Tutors**

* **QA3:** If you have any issues with your joint observations, please let me know.
* **Queries**: If you need any additional support or have any specific enquiries, please ask on the Year 3 Link Tutors Teams area or email me directly (ben.thomas@edgehill.ac.uk).

**Trainees**

**Keep going.** Remember to reach out if you need anything. I am still hosting a weekly drop in on Wednesday from 15.30 – 16.30. We can discuss any placement queries that may exist. Here is the [link.](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_MWI0Yzk1OWYtYWM4NS00YWQzLTljMDMtMGQxZTNkYmZmOWFk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2209358691-4d8e-491c-aa76-0a5cbd5ba734%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225da7a0f4-2bc4-4141-bd64-df8739d3a2ec%22%7d)

Best wishes,

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