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| Mentor Space - Mentor Space |

Welcome to the weekly mentor, trainee and link tutor briefing from the Department of Early Years.

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| **Course:** | Primary 3-7 (Early Years) Undergraduate Certificate in Education with QTS | | |
| **Phase:** | Developmental | **Week:** | 4 |

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This is a 39 day Professional Practice Placement (PPP) which sees the trainees undertaking teaching requirements from week 2 building to approximately 50% whole class teaching by week 4. During **Weekly Development Meetings** (WDM), Mentors will complete a **Weekly Development Summary** (WDS) each week, and a **Lesson Observation** (LO) from week 2 (a minimum of 7 LOs should be completed throughout this PPP) with the trainee. Link Tutors have **4 Quality Assurance** (QA) meeting points with Mentors and Trainees, these will be agreed individually with you to best suit school/teaching requirements.

Trainees and Mentors are required to complete each weekly WDS and LO form (from week 2) through the Abyasa system. This can be accessed by clicking the link [here](https://edgehill.abyasa.net/pro). Only Mentors are able to submit the completed documents. As PPQL, these forms are used to track the progress of each individual trainee, and to offer further support as and when it is required. Trainees are required to undertake teaching in Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) and a separate LO form needs to be completed for this. This too can be accessed through Abyasa.

**We would also like to invite mentors, trainees, and partnership staff to our second annual SSP conference. This will be taking place on Friday 24th May from 9:30-3:30 and is free of charge. Booking is essential and places can now be secured by clicking the link** [**here**](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/event/ssp-2023/)**. There will be a range of speakers, representatives from major SSP schemes and free workshops available to participate in.**

**Mentors,** please see the relevant information below which relates to the **EYUGY2** trainee that you are mentoring. If you have any further questions or queries, then please do contact **John Clarke** (Professional Practice Quality Lead (**PPQL**) for EYUGY2 Placements) using this email address [clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk)

**Link Tutors** please do check out the **TEAMS** chat that has been set up for you to ask questions and share successes.

**Trainees** you have been well prepared to begin this PPP, please use all available opportunities to ensure that you are engaging fully with the experience, forming positive and professional relationships with all staff and children, familiarising yourself with the school, curriculum and children in your class.

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| **Weekly intended curriculum expectations linked to CCF:** | |
| The weekly [**Strand Component Tracker**](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/files/2024/03/Y2-EY-Strand-Component-Tracker.docx), and **Subject Component Tracker**, can be found using these links. Alternatively these are embedded in the Abyasa system. These documents are used to track the progression of teaching and pedagogical skills in the EYFS and KS1 curriculums **and** the ITE strands (e.g. High Expectations, How Pupils Learn, Adaptive Teaching, Professional Behaviours and Assessment). The ITE strands can also be seen woven throughout the WDS forms. The PPP Handbook holds all the information related to this PPP, and can also be found using this hyperlink [Mentor Space EYUGY2 Developmental PPP Documentation](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/files/2024/03/UG-Early-Years-23-24-PP-Handbook-Year-2.docx). | |
| **Mentor Focus:** | |
| Stage 1 - ***CORE Online Mentor Training*** at [EHU Mentor Space](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/). This online unit provides Mentors with the research evidence and underlying principles for mentoring at Edge Hill University.  Stage 2 - ***Phase Specific Mentor Training*** at [EYPUGY2 Developmental PPP Phase Specific Training](https://edgehill.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=2c3d49e3-2215-4fd9-9e96-b13e017a18a6). This is tailored to the specific placement phases and trainees,’ where Mentors will receive guidance about the curriculum appropriate to the phase, the content of centre-based training to date, and expectations whilst on professional practice.  Stage 3 – ***Mentor Self-Study*** - Using the Mentor Space, Mentors can familiarise themselves with the partnership agreement, curriculum documentation and professional practice forms. | |
| **Observation of experts to support training suggestions:** | **Research and Resources:** |
| Each week there will be a different focus which will help the trainee to gain a deeper understanding of that subject/strand area across the whole placement.  Understand how to use inclusive teaching resources to meet the needs of a diverse range of children.  Use assessment to inform planning.  To be able to identify strategies used by class teacher to adapt to the needs of learners. | All relevant information related to this Professional Practice Placement, for Mentors and Link Tutors, can be accessed using this link to Mentor Space  [Mentor Space EYUGY2 Developmental PPP](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/category/primary-3-7-developmental/)  Additionally, the subject/strand focus research and reading links are here:  Department for Education (2013) The national curriculum in Send Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years: Dept for Education; Dept of Health & Social Care, 2014  CLARKE, S., 2014, *Outstanding Formative Assessment: Culture and Practice*. Hodder Education Group.    HARGREAVES, E., GIPPS, C. and PICKERING, A., 2018, *Assessment for Learning* in T. CREMIN and C. BUNETT (eds.) *Learning to Teach in the Primary School,* Milton: Taylor & Francis |
| **Link Tutor: Notices** | **Trainee:** |
| **Link Tutors**, please access the **Link Tutor Space** tab, on Mentor Space, for further support and guidance of this Professional Practice Placement.  Please continue to support with completion of Abyasa. Guidance around this can be found on the Mentor Space.  Please begin to identify possible dates for QA3 to take place. | **Trainees** Think about how you can implement strategies of modelling, discussion and questioning to deepen children’s understanding and help to address misconceptions.  Please ensure you are contributing to your WDS meetings.  Please negotiate with your mentor attendance at the SSP Conference.  If you require support with:  # **ACADEMIC WORK** – contact your Module Leader or Supervisor or Learning Services on [EHU Library/Learning Services](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/ls/)  # **EYPUG PROGRAMME** – contact Heidi Winrow as PL at [winrowh@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:winrowh@edgehill.ac.uk) or John Clarke as YL/PPQL on [clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk)  # **MONEY ADVICE** (inc PPP Travel Expenses) – contact the team on [EHU Money Advice](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/studentservices/moneyadvice/money-issues/)  # **PLACEMENT** – contact the Placement Team at [educationpartnership@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:educationpartnership@edgehill.ac.uk) or John Clarke [clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:clarjohn@edgehill.ac.uk)  # **STUDENT SUPPORT** – contact the Catalyst team on [EHU Student Support](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/studentservices/student-support-team/)  # **WELLBEING** – contact the wellbeing team on [EHU Wellbeing](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/studentservices/wellbeing/) |