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| Mentor Space - Mentor Space |

**Welcome to the weekly mentor, trainee and link tutor briefing from the Department of Primary and Childhood Education.**

'Trainees are immensely well supported by knowledgeable and inspirational tutors and by highly skilled, committed mentors' (***EHU OFSTED 2024)***

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| **Course:** | Primary 5-11 PGCE with QTS |
| **Phase:** | Introductory | **Week:** | 7 |

Welcome to the final week of placement. Please ensure that by the end of this week (at the very latest) all the paperwork has been completed on Abyasa and that the trainee’s attendance has been confirmed and submitted.

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| **Weekly intended curriculum expectations linked to ITTECF:** |
| **HIGH EXPECTATIONS –** * Know that social background and family circumstances affect pupils’ life chances
* To liaise with expert colleagues to address the needs of pupils using EAL.
* To understand the importance of assessment when supporting pupils who use EAL.

**HOW PUPILS LEARN, CLASSROOM PRACTICE & ADAPTIVE TEACHING** – * To understand how to group pupils effectively and apply high expectations to all groups ensuring all pupils have access to a rich curriculum.
* Understand the interconnectedness of learning
* Be able to write effective plans for a range of lessons with support (whole class).

**PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOURS** – * Support pupils with a range of additional social and emotional needs through adaptations to content, teaching strategies, approaches to recording and the environment, with support from expert practitioners.

**ASSESSMENT** – * Be able to evaluate marking policies with a focus on pupil progress.
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| **Mentor Focus:** |
| Thank you, Mentors, for all your support and guidance over the last 7 weeks in enabling our PGCE trainees to have a successful outcome to their Professional Practice opportunities. In the QA4 visit with the Link tutor, please work together to set appropriate and challenging targets for your trainees’ next placement, which begins in January 2025.**Please could we ask as a final reminder that all Weekly Development Summaries and Lesson Observation forms have been completed and submitted onto Abyasa. Please check also that you are happy with the attendance of your trainee and confirm and submit this attendance too.**   |
| **Observation of experts to support training suggestions:** | **Research and Resources:** |
| This week is the consolidation of the trainees’ learning on this placement and a real celebration of the progress that they have made during their time in school. The trainees should have been given the opportunity to observe in the keys stage that they are not based in and to have conversations with staff from across the wider school workforce. If there are any further conversations or observations that you feel would be of value to them please give them the opportunities to do engage with those this week. This may be of particular value if there are staff within your setting who take a lead on SEMH needs and effective responses to those needs or who are in a position to be able to offer expertise around EAL.  | EEF 2021 Social and Emotional Learning Available from <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning> DfE 2012 The Teachers’ Standards Available from: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a750668ed915d3c7d529cad/Teachers_standard_information.pdf>  |
| **Link Tutor:** | **Trainee:** |
| Please make contact with the Mentor and the trainee regarding this final QA4 check point. This is an important meeting that looks at setting targets for the trainee’s DEVELOPMENTAL phase Professional Practice placement.  | Welcome to the final week! What a huge amount of knowledge and experience you will all have gained in such a short space of time. Ensure that you are collecting evidence which you can use for your viva, and that you are making the most of your final week in school. Ensure that you are making a note of the foundation subjects that you have taught and that all paperwork on Abyasa is completed and submitted – just check the timeline on your Abyasa profile. On the last day of your placement, please ensure that you and your mentor complete the attendance information on Abyasa, and that your practice placement is marked as complete. We look forward to hearing all about your time in school when you return to campus w/c 2nd December! |

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Edge Hill, to thank you for mentoring and supporting our trainees. Great job everyone – I look forward to working with you again in the future.

If you require any further advice or guidance during this placement, then please contact me directly as the **Professional Practice Quality Lead** for the PGCE Primary 5-11 trainees.

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