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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:** | 7 |

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This Professional Practice (PP) sees the trainees undertaking some teaching requirements from week 2. Where appropriate, trainees will continue to increase their teaching responsibilities leading to opportunities to undertake some whole class teaching across a range of curriculum areas. During **Weekly Development Meetings** (WDM), Mentors will complete a **Weekly Development Summary** (WDS) each week, and a **Lesson Observation** (LO) each week 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 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). If this is no longer a focus of teaching in the trainee’s professional practice class, then we ask that they are supported to undertake this within another year group. All lesson observations can be accessed through Abyasa.

**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 **Heidi Winrow** (Professional Practice Quality Lead (**PPQL**) for EYUGY2 Placements) using the email addresses winrowh@edgehill.ac.uk

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

**Trainees** As last week, please access a new History recording to support your knowledge in this curriculum area. This has been placed in the Blackboard area for History (EYE2007). Please send a short email to your PAT to let them know how you are doing, tell them what you have been teaching – what has worked well, what you are working on next etc

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| **Weekly intended curriculum expectations linked to ITTECF:** | |
| The weekly **Strand Component Tracker**, and **Subject Component Tracker**, 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 PP Handbook holds all the information related to this PP, and can also be found using this hyperlink [Mentor Space EYUGY2 Developmental PP Documentation](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/eyug2/). | |
| **Mentor Focus:** | |
| Step 1 – Complete the Mentor Audit sent from [FoEMentoring@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:FoEMentoring@edgehill.ac.uk)  This will provide you with the mentor training requirements for this year and will link directly to the information you need.  ***Phase Specific Mentor Training*** is for all mentors and can be accessed at [EYPUGY2 Developmental PP Phase Specific Training.](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/ey-phase-specific-briefings/)  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. | |
| **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.  Plan effectively for other adults in the classroom to support children with diverse needs outside the remit of SEND and reflect upon multi agency working.  Be able to, with expert colleagues, plan formative assessment tasks linked to lesson objectives and think ahead about what would indicate understanding.  Be able to use effective communication strategies to engage with parents/carers | All relevant information related to this Professional Practice Placement, for Mentors and Link Tutors, can be accessed using this link to [Mentor Space](https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/mentorspace/eyug2/)  Additionally, the subject/strand focus research and reading links are here:  **Inclusion in the Early Years,** Cathy Nutbrown; Peter Clough; Frances Atherton, 2013    **Key Issues in Special Educational Needs, Disability & Inclusion**  Alan Hodkinson, 2019    **Equality and Inclusion in Early Childhood: Linking Theory and Practice**   Jennie Lindon, 2012      **Then There Was Silence: The Impact of the Pandemic on Disabled Children, Young People and their Families**  Lunt, 2021    **The Deployment of Teaching Assistants in Schools** by Department for Education, 27/06/2019    **The Voices of Teaching Assistants (Are We Value for Money?)** in Research in Education by Jodi Roffey-Barentsen; Mike Watt, 2014 |
| **Link Tutor: Notices** | **Trainee:** |
| **Link Tutors**, please check the correct Mentor email details are entered on In Place. Please access the **Link Tutor Space** tab, on Mentor Space, for further support and guidance of this Professional Practice Placement.  As we are now in week 7 for some students, please ensure that you have arranged the QA3 in person visit with any placement schools and update the university records accordingly. | **Please ensure you share your Abyasa profile with your mentor along with the placement handbook.**  **Trainees** if you require support with:  # **ACADEMIC WORK** – contact your Module Leader, PAT or Learning Services on [EHU Library/Learning Services](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/departments/support/ls/)  # **EYPUG PROGRAMME** – contact Heidi Winrow as PPQL at [winrowh@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:winrowh@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 Heidi Winrow as PPQL at [winrowh@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:winrowh@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/) |