

Primary School Experience Programme

Are you interested in teaching in a Primary School?

*Do you need further quality school experience to explore whether
this career is for you?*

We believe teaching is an excellent career. We are committed to growing the next generation of outstanding teachers to ensure that our children receive high quality education.

We are committed to supporting those candidates interested in entering a profession which offers:

- A chance to make a real difference to children's life chances
- A supportive team committed to serving its community
- Creativity, hard work and challenges with the reward of seeing children develop their potential.
- Secure, professional employment with attractive financial, pension and holiday benefits

We are partners with the OFSTED Outstanding **Devon Primary SCITT**, ranked number 1 amongst Teacher Training providers nationally. Combining with them we offer a **Primary School Experience Programme** which will include:

- A placement within one of our local good/outstanding schools who are committed to developing the next generation of excellent teachers
- A structured, supported placement tailored to your individual needs
- Flexible pattern of attendance (eg: up to a two week block, or single days spread over ten weeks)
- The chance to discuss with a range of school staff your career choice and the range of training options

Apply for a Primary School Experience Placement by e-mailing Sam Lawton slawton@dpscitt.ac.uk and requesting an application form.

Find out more about DPSCITT by visiting www.dpscitt.ac.uk or ringing 01392 454 359

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Guidance for Schools and DPSCITT

Outline of Process

- Schools place the flyer on their website and print some paper copies for their school reception.
- Schools encourage potential candidates to contact Sam Lawton at the DPSCITT Office
- DPSCITT will send candidates a registration form and assess their suitability for a 1 day placement only initially.
- Suitable candidates will be offered a 1 day placement in a school and DPSCITT will coordinate with schools to arrange this.
- Candidates will attend their initial 1 day placement in a school.
- The School then decides whether to offer an extended placement to the candidate and provides a brief report/reference to the DPSCITT Office.

Guidance for Schools

Please appoint a **Coordinator** and advise DPSCITT who will take this role.

The Coordinator will plan and lead a **1 Day Placement** for suitable candidates (a brief tour, intros, overview of your school, training routes & DPSCITT, then time spent in a class). At the end of the day the Coordinator will provide brief feedback to DPSCITT about the candidate and will decide whether they are happy to offer them an extended placement of up to 10 days experience in their school.

If Candidates are offered an **Extended Placement** of up to 10 days then the School Coordinator can organise this as they wish and may choose to include the following:

- A practical induction (as you would to volunteers in school) including Fire Drill and key policies such as, Safeguarding, Behaviour, Teaching & Learning, Race Equality
- At least 1 day spent in different year groups (including Foundation) with time to speak to CTs & TAs
- Remaining days spent with same CT (discuss planning & assessment files)
- Observations of teaching & learning – groups & individuals
- Supporting individuals & groups in classroom
- Plan & lead a whole class activity (eg Read story? Share specific expertise?)
- Shadow main CT in wider roles (eg playground duty, club, PPA)
- Prior to leaving the placement to have a discussion with HT/ SBT about their thoughts around a career and possible application

DBS checks are at the school's discretion and dependent on school policy/ length of placement/ supervision.