

Student Teacher Feedback

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Course – Primary Teacher Training

Placement - 1

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

At the start of my placement I was excited to build my confidence by getting up in front of different classes with new children. I expected to improve on my subject knowledge in different subject areas.

To what extent did St. Egwin's Middle School meet your expectations?

St. Egwin's helped me to meet my expectations by giving me a lot of resources and extra support to help improve my subject knowledge which in turn helped improve my confidence when planning and teaching lessons. The staff (including staff that wasn't my class teachers) have been so helpful if I ever needed help with anything which made me feel more comfortable and ready when teaching lessons.

Please give ratings for your experience (0 = not at all, 10 = very much so) and provide any comments you may have.

The placement increased my confidence as a teacher.

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Comment – I was very nervous when I found out I would be in a middle school and year 6 class as this is out of my comfort zone. However, this encouraged me to work harder and improve my subject knowledge which has given me more confidence when teaching.

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment – I have learnt a great deal of subject knowledge when observing classes and researching with the resources the school has given me. I have picked up many different teaching and behaviour strategies to use for different classes and children.

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment – My mentor made time to give verbal and written feedback after any lessons he observed which I found very rewarding hearing the positive points and the improvements made me feel determined to improve in my next lesson. We also had weekly review meets which was following up from my observations which I found very helpful.

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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Comment- I believe that the standards of teaching in this school is at a very high level. I felt like I learnt a lot from the different teaching techniques I saw across different classes. This was a positive thing, being in a middle school meant we could see a variety of teachers teaching which helped me to see high standards of teaching rather than just seeing one teacher teach.

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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Comment- All the staff were always happy to help with subject knowledge or just little things like finding my way around the school which made me feel relaxed and comfortable in this school.

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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Comment- When I put forward ideas the teachers would value this and would help me build on the ideas to improve them.

What do you feel are St Egwin's strengths as a placement school?

Strengths as a placement school would include, the resources you have available and the helpful and knowledgeable staff. It is a very organised school as a whole and I feel like I always knew what was going on and was kept in the loop which made the placement very relaxed. The overall behaviour management across the school I thought was amazing and the pupils and staff both made me feel respected as a teacher rather than just a student. I learnt a lot from the staff meetings as I was grateful I was invited along to them to improve my knowledge as a teacher. The free periods helped me to catch up with all the uni paper work I needed to complete which was so helpful!

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

To improve I would ask the uni to have more contact with the school to know what we are expected to do. At one point I felt like we were being asked to do too much that what was expected on our first placement but this was sorted straight away when we mentioned it which I was grateful about.

Have you any other comments that you would like to make?

Can we quote you on the school website?

Yes Yes (anonymously) No

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