

## Student Teacher Feedback

Name - L Urquhart

Course - Primary PGCE

Placement - SE1 at St Egwins

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

I was initially quite worried about teaching Year 6, as I did not feel confident with the curriculum and had little experience working with KS2 pupils. I was also slightly apprehensive about being the only student from my group to be placed in a middle school, as the rest would be teaching within primary settings, working with one class teacher and one class.

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

All staff at St. Egwin's immediately made me feel so welcome and my mentor supported me beyond my expectations, giving me ownership of certain sub-topics within subjects. The children within the lessons I taught treated me with respect and I quickly felt very confident within the environment.

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 feel much more confident, particularly with the level of organisation I had to have in order to be prepared for lessons taught in different classrooms with different children.

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment – I learnt a lot of information (particularly about maths and English) and surprised myself with the level of knowledge I was able to use within my lessons towards the end of my placement.

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment – I cannot thank J enough for how well she supported me during my time at St. Egwin's. She was always supportive, never overbearing and was always there to offer help or guidance, yet at the same time giving me control and allowing me to take responsibility for groups of lessons.

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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Comment – The majority of teaching I observed was of a really high standard, linking with good behaviour management. Miss C, Mrs C and Mrs W particularly stood out in my observations and really gave me food for thought about how to motivate and work with the children to ensure good progress.

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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Comment – I felt welcomed by the staff at St. Egwin's immediately and continued to throughout my placement. There was always a buzz within the staff room and many regular meetings within departments and Key Stages, demonstrating great teamwork.

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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Comment – J and I worked really well together, combining ideas and smoothly creating next steps for the children.

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

-The incredibly friendly staff

-Communication with staff and children

-The regularly taught foundation subjects, which were missed or pushed aside in the schools my peers visited. I was amazed by the level of French shown by the Year 6 classes!

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

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

Can we quote you on the school website?

Yes

Yes (anonymously)

No