



**Message from Professor Kate Ireland, Director of Centre for Teacher
Education, University of Warwick**

Dear School Direct partners and University-led placement partner schools

We know that it has been a remarkable and memorable year, for reasons both positive and negative. We would like to highlight some important information to you and share the good news that the Centre for Teacher Education (CTE) is available to deliver the ECF for you, if that is the right option for your school and your Early Career Teachers and mentors.

We are taking this opportunity to signpost all our partners to some practical guidance about the Early Career Framework, in case you have not yet had the chance to fully digest and plan for what this means for your school and staff. **We are also really excited to share with you that the Centre for Teacher Education, University of Warwick will be working with [Capita](#) as an ECF delivery partner. If you are interested in working with us to deliver the training to your new appointments from September this year or beyond, please do get in touch via Partnerships@warwick.ac.uk**

The attached slides [here](#) give you general information as well as details regarding our work as a delivery partner in conjunction with Capita and the University of Birmingham.

Practical guidance about the ECF

The Early Career Framework has been introduced by the DfE as a mandatory two-year induction period for all Early Career Teachers (previously called NQTs). All Early Career Teachers should have the training and support in place, but their employing schools have the choice of how they deliver this (see attached [Powerpoint](#) slides 8 and 9).

All maintained schools and academies will be required to nominate an induction tutor

and confirm this detail to the DfE (further information in DfE FAQs attached). Schools will then be able to add details of their ECTs and mentors before the summer holidays.

If you would like to opt to work with a training provider (such as ourselves and Capita), you must confirm this to us as the provider and we will then return details regarding your intention to do so to the DfE.

You might also be interested in attending a DfE webinar to provide teachers and leaders with the information they need to prepare for the Early Career Framework reforms. This is free to attend and is currently scheduled for Thursday 17 June 4pm-5pm

An Eventbrite registration link can be found here: [Early Career Framework \(ECF\) explainer webinar](#)

You can choose CTE to deliver your ECF and Mentor training: DfE funding is available

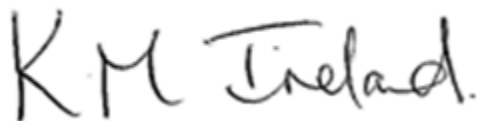
The Centre for Teacher Education plan to join forces with Capita and the University of Birmingham to deliver quality blended (online and face-to-face) ECF and Mentor training. We aim to mostly serve the Coventry, Warwickshire and West Midlands region but are also reaching out to our partners further afield who want to maintain relationships they have formed with us through our [PGCE](#) and [Masters](#) programmes. We are excited to be further engaged and active in supporting our partners to develop and retain excellent teachers.

Self-funded opportunities are also available for Independent and international schools. Please do get in touch with us if you'd like to learn more about this. *To discuss how we might be able to work with you and how you can sign up, please email partnership@warwick.ac.uk.*

**Subject to pending final contract with Capita Business Services Limited.*

Best wishes,

Kate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.M. Ireland." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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