

Curriculum Focus – Secondary Trainees

Aspects of this unit are covered in the following Foundation Sessions:

- Making the most of observing expert colleagues
- Behaviour Management
- How children learn – learning theory
- Planning principles

Subject Studies sessions cover behaviour management and safe routines in subject classrooms during Term 1a.

Safeguarding in schools is covered in Terms 1,2 and 3 at University and at the start of placements 1 and 2 in schools.

Introduction

Learning can be hard and there can be many distractions. Establishing routines and expectations can support learners to resist distractions, key into learning and be more successful for the teacher and the pupils. During induction we explore pupils' ability to self-regulate and how teachers are key role models.

Key Learning

Teachers are key role models, who can influence the attitudes, values and behaviours of their pupils

Teachers have the ability to affect and improve the wellbeing, motivation and behaviour of their pupils

The ability to self-regulate one's emotions affects pupils' ability to learn, success in school and future lives

A predictable and secure environment benefits all pupils, but is particularly valuable for pupils with special educational needs

A culture of mutual trust and respect supports effective relationships

Establishing and reinforcing routines, including through positive reinforcement, can help create an effective learning environment

With your mentor you will have the opportunity to set high expectations for behaviour by:

- Applying rules, sanctions and rewards in line with school policy, escalating behaviour incidents as appropriate
- Establishing a supportive and inclusive environment with a predictable system of reward and sanction in the classroom.
- Using consistent language and non-verbal signals for common classroom directions
- Rigorously maintaining clear behavioural expectations

In this unit you will make connections between the induction sessions and the practices in your school. You will have the opportunity to:

Discuss and analyse:

- who to contact with any safeguarding concerns and having a clear understanding of what sorts of behaviour, disclosures and incidents to report.
- how routines are established at the beginning of the school year, both in classrooms and around the school.

Receive guidance, practise, and receive feedback in coaching meetings to improve at:

- Working alongside colleagues as part of a wider system of behaviour management (e.g. recognising responsibilities and understanding the right to assistance and training from senior colleagues).
- Giving manageable, specific and sequential instructions.
- Acknowledging and praising pupil effort and emphasising progress being made.

Mentor Notes

Feedback on the effectiveness of approaches employed by the trainee in interactions with pupils prior to taking responsibility for teaching groups can provide a focus for early mentor meetings. The activities are designed to be completed before taking on the teaching of sequences of full lessons.

Suggested **prompts for coaching** conversations on deeper learning:

What are you noticing in your observation of teachers' establishment of class routines?

What behaviour are you noticing from pupils that teachers have to deal with? What behaviour don't they have to deal with?

What do you notice about how pupils respond to the teacher's instructions?

How will you plan your lessons to take account of these factors?

Suggestions for modelling, practising and embedding strategies to promote behaviour for learning are integral to the training in this ITAP. They include;

Focus 1: Effective routines; entry, exit, transitions

Focus 2: Effective responses; including positive reframing, clarity of language and consistency with expectations.

Focus 3: Effective relationships; building a sense of belonging by knowing names, awareness of pupil characteristics and promoting positive interactions

Summary reflection

500 words

How does a teacher establish expectations of behaviour and what strategies are used to reinforce these expectations? When are rewards most and least effective?

Key reading

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Overview of Activities

Activity	Suggested Days for Completion	
	Embed Day 1 or 2	Embed Day 3 or 4
Discussion with expert colleague about the school's behaviour policy		
Focus 1 - Routines:		
1A: Trainee observation of within lesson transition routine - focus on expert colleague		
1B: Trainee observation of within lesson transition routine - focus on pupils		
1C: Observation of trainee's transition routine by expert colleague followed by discussion		
Focus 2 - Responses:		
2A: Trainee observation of pupils - focus on encouraging engagement		
2B: Trainee's observation of expert colleague - focus on encouraging engagement		
2C: Observation of trainee's responses to pupils by expert colleague followed by discussion		
Focus 3 - Relationships		
3A: Trainee's observation of expert colleague - focus on demonstrating belonging		

Embedding your practice

1A: Trainee's observation of teacher

Area:	<p>Within Classroom Transitions Examples may include: moving from the carpet area to the tables/moving from an experiment to desks/change in activity e.g. individual work to group work <i>In Focus 1A you will focus on the class teacher (in 1B you will focus on the pupils)</i></p>	
Step	Guidance	Notes
<p>Observing an expert colleague e.g. class teacher/ subject lead/ mentor/ external specialist/ subject specialist/ phase lead.</p>	<p>How does the expert colleague:</p>	
	<i>Gain pupils' attention</i>	
	<i>Signal behavioural expectations (including non-verbal methods)</i>	
	<i>Give instructions/use questions and prompts</i>	
	<i>Use body language and gesture to communicate and reinforce expectations</i>	
	<i>Break the transition down (e.g. step by step)</i>	
	<i>Manage pupil movement</i>	
	<i>Use and encourage good listening</i>	
	<i>Use praise</i>	
	<i>Apply the school policy in relation to rewards and sanctions</i>	
<i>The above list is not exhaustive, make notes on other aspects linked to the focus and area that interest/support you</i>		
Analyse	<p><i>Map out the steps of this routine from beginning to end; consider the steps recognised in 'standardising the routine':</i> <i>Secure students' attention</i> <i>Verbally walk through the routine</i> <i>Check and prepare for the signal</i> <i>Signal, switch and re-focus (feedback)</i></p>	
<p>Reflect and discuss <i>Identify some questions to discuss with your mentor regarding your observation</i></p>		

Embedding your practice

1B: Trainee's observation of pupils

Area:	<p>Within Classroom Transitions Examples may include: moving from the carpet area to the tables/moving from an experiment to desks/change in activity e.g. individual work to group work <i>In Focus 1B you will focus on the pupils (in 1A you focussed on the teacher)</i></p>	
Step	Guidance	Notes
Sitting with the pupils	Notice:	
	<i>How quickly pupils respond to the teacher's instructions</i>	
	<i>How many pupils respond to the teacher's instructions</i>	
	<i>How pupils use their body language to communicate</i>	
	<i>Respond to praise</i>	
	<i>Interact with each other</i> <i>The above list is not exhaustive, make notes on other aspects linked to the focus and area that you notice</i>	
Analyse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What supports children to meet the teacher's expectations</i> 2. <i>What causes children to struggle to respond to the teacher's instructions</i> 	
Reflect and discuss <i>Identify some questions to discuss with your class teacher/mentor regarding your observation</i>		

Embedding your practice

1C: Observation of trainee's practice by expert colleague

Part C. focuses upon **observation of the trainee's practice**, with reference to classroom transitions and routines, with subsequent **reflection, feedback/coaching and target-setting**.

During this transition/routine I intend to....

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<p>Taking opportunities to practise, receive feedback/ coaching and improve</p>	<p>The expert colleague observes trainee's practice</p> <p>Observer collects evidence in relation to the trainee's intentions.</p> <p>Observer's questions. <i>During the teaching episode the observer identifies question prompts to stimulate discussion. Use the CCF points on Page 1 to help identify specific areas.</i></p>	<p><i>Observer's notes and questions.</i></p>
<p>Mentor/trainee discussion</p>	<p><i>Discuss how successfully routines and expectations for routines were shared and reinforced; examine the decisions made and set targets for further improvement.</i></p>	<p><i>Observer to note these reflections and questions.</i></p>
<p>Future target for managing in class routines</p>		

Embedding your practice

2A: Trainee's observation of pupils

Area:	Encouraging Engagement Examples may include: whole class teaching, small group work, transitions etc.	
Step	Guidance	Notes
Observing	<i>Notice...</i>	Trainee records key focal points
	<i>Which behaviours pupils display when they are engaged</i>	
	<i>Which behaviours pupils display when they are less engaged</i>	
	<i>Which phases of the lesson secured the highest engagement</i>	
	<i>Which aspects of the lesson saw least engagement</i>	
	<i>How pupils responded to the teacher's positioning, body language and non-verbal communication</i>	
	<i>How and when praise was used and the impact of this</i>	
	<i>The above list is not exhaustive, make notes on any other aspects linked to the focus area that you noticed</i>	
Analyse	<i>Can you identify any differences between compliant behaviour and engagement?</i>	
Reflect and discuss	<i>List and discuss the common low-level off-task behaviours that you observed. How can these be understood and mitigated?</i>	

Embedding your practice

2B: Responses Trainee's observation of teacher

Area:	Encouraging Engagement Examples may include: whole class teaching, small group work, transitions etc.	
Step	Guidance	Notes
Observing an expert colleague e.g. class teacher/ subject lead/ mentor/ external specialist/ subject specialist	<i>How does the expert colleague....</i>	<i>Trainee records key focal points</i>
	<i>Use praise to encourage engagement</i>	
	<i>Use verbal and non-verbal communication to engage pupils</i>	
	<i>Refer to behaviour expectations</i>	
	<i>Move around the room to monitor and promote engagement</i>	
	<i>Address low-level, off-task behaviours</i>	
	<i>The above list is not exhaustive, make notes on any other aspects linked to the focus area that you noticed</i>	
Analyse	<i>Can you identify any differences between compliant behaviour and engagement?</i>	
Reflect and discuss	Which effective responses have you seen in response to low-level behaviours? How confident do you feel about your role in applying these positive strategies? You might want to consider Rogers' 'Hierarchy of Behaviours' (Build and Develop Day 1)	

Embedding your practice

2C: Observation of trainee's practice by expert colleague

*Part C. focuses upon **observation of the trainee's practice**, with reference to their responses with subsequent **reflection, feedback/coaching and target-setting**.*

During this lesson/segment of a lesson I intend for my responses to....

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<p>Taking opportunities to practise, receive feedback/ coaching and improve</p>	<p>The expert colleague observes trainee's practice</p> <p>Observer collects evidence in relation to the trainee's target</p> <p>Observer's questions. <i>During the teaching episode the observer identifies question prompts to stimulate discussion. Use the CCF points on Page 1 to help identify specific areas.</i></p>	<p><i>Observer's notes and questions.</i></p>
<p>Mentor/trainee discussion</p>	<p><i>Discuss how your responses promoted a sense of belonging and team work.</i></p>	
<p>Future target</p>		

Embedding your practice

3A: Trainee's observation of teacher

Area:	Demonstrating belonging	
Step	Guidance	Notes
Observing an expert colleague.	<i>How does the expert colleague...</i>	<p>Trainee records key focal points for observation of expert colleague</p> <p>Trainee's notes and trainee's questions identified during observation</p>
	<i>Use pupils' names e.g. shortened/preferred name, family name, intonation, terms of endearment, frequency of use, tone of voice</i>	
	<i>Demonstrate awareness of pupils' individual and group interests</i>	
	<i>Demonstrate awareness of pupil profile e.g. EHCPs/IEPs/PP/EAL</i>	
	<i>Encourage engagement of the pupils as learners</i>	
	<i>Use non-verbal communication methods to demonstrate belonging</i>	
	<i>Help you to feel that you belong in the class</i>	
	<i>The above list is not exhaustive, make notes on any other aspects linked to the focus and area that you noticed</i>	
Analyse	<p><i>Identify some ways in which the teacher has used the classroom environment to help promote belonging – consider this in its broadest sense</i></p>	
Reflect and discuss	<p><i>Which pupils do you already know more about? Which pupils do you know less about? Why is this and what might you do to address this?</i></p>	