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# ECT Policy

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## **ECT Induction**

### **Rationale**

We believe our children's future is created every day and is brought to life through our mission to nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be. It is important that new staff are welcomed into the whole school team, helped to establish their role and are enabled to grow and develop as individuals as well as team members. To be supported in gaining knowledge and understanding of the philosophy and ethos of our school and share our core values that drive all decisions and actions which are endurance, forgiveness, koinonia, creation and friendship.

### **Aims**

Our school's induction process has been designed to make a significant contribution to both the professional and personal development of ECTs. The purposes of induction include:

- to provide programmes appropriate to the individual needs of the ECTs as required using the Early Career Framework (ECF)
- to provide appropriate guidance and support through the role of an identified Induction Tutor/mentor
- to provide ECTs with examples of good practice
- to encourage reflection on their own and observed practice
- to provide opportunities to identify areas for development
- to provide opportunities to recognise and celebrate good practice
- to help ECTs form good relationships with all members of the school community and stakeholders
- to help ECTs become aware of the school's role in the local community
- to help ECTs to develop an overview of a teacher's roles and responsibilities
- to provide a foundation for longer-term professional development
- to help ECTs perform satisfactorily against the Teachers' Standards

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## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **The Governing Body**

The governing body will be fully aware of the contents of the DfE's statutory guidance on induction for ECTs (England) which sets out the school's responsibility to provide the necessary monitoring, support and assessments for ECTs. The governing body will be kept aware and up to date about induction arrangements and the results of formal assessment meetings.

### **The Head of School**

The Head of School plays a significant and leading role in the process of inducting new colleagues to the profession. The Head of School acts as Induction Tutor and quality assures the programme and progression of all ECTS.

### **Statutory responsibilities**

- Make arrangements with an Appropriate Body (AB) to oversee the school's induction programme for each ECT employed
- Ensure an appropriate induction programme is set up based on the ECF
- Appoint a suitably experienced teacher to the Induction Tutor/Mentor role
- Ensure the Induction Tutor and Mentor both have sufficient time to carry out their role effectively
- Make a recommendation to the AB whether or not an ECT has performed satisfactorily against the Teachers' Standards (TS) for the completion of induction
- Observe and give written warnings to an ECT at risk of failing to perform satisfactorily against the TSs whilst informing the AB immediately
- Keep the governing body aware and up to date about induction arrangements and the results of formal assessment meetings

## **Induction Tutor**

The Induction Tutor is responsible for initiating the ECT into the teaching profession and into our school's systems and structures. The role embraces many important tasks, including the planning, implementing and evaluation of a personalised programme of support and development for each ECT, providing advice, guidance and the rigorous but fair assessment of an ECT's performance, carrying out regular progress reviews throughout the induction period, especially where a formal assessment does not occur. It also entails keeping relevant and accurate records of progress and achievement against the TSs and undertake two formal assessments required end of term three and the end of term six.

## **Mentor**

The Mentor is a different role to the Induction Tutor, the Mentor is expected to support the ECT as a less experienced colleague building trust and modelling positive behaviours. Regularly meet for structured sessions to provide effective targeted feedback, ensure the ECT receives an ECF induction programme. Provide or broker effective support, mentoring and coaching. Take appropriate action if the ECT appears to be experiencing difficulties.

## **Entitlements**

Each ECT should be proactive in their own career development. However, our induction programme ensures that new teachers are provided with support and monitoring to help them fulfil their professional duties and meet the requirements for satisfactory completion of induction. It builds on their knowledge, skills and achievements in relation to standards for the award for qualified teacher status (QTS). The key aspects of the induction programme for ECT are as follows:

- Access to a full Induction programme through Red Kite Teaching School Hub and a core induction programme using the Government approved materials through UCL and our own school personalised induction programme to meet the needs of the ECT.
- Help and guidance from an Induction Tutor and Mentor who is an experienced teacher; is knowledgeable about the phase group/year group/subject; has been trained in the induction process and has coaching and mentoring skills.

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- Regular meetings with the Induction Tutor, Mentor, SLT and subject coordinators and other key staff where appropriate
- Opportunities to observe experienced colleagues teaching
- A reduction of 10% of the average teacher's time-table in year one and 5% in year two. This time is used for participating in the CPD identified and agreed with the Induction Tutor and Mentor and is in addition to the statutory 10% PPA time already allocated

### **Lesson observations**

Will be planned and conducted half-termly by the Induction Tutor and completed in accordance with the ABs guidelines which are based on DfE's statutory guidance.

### **Professional Progress reviews**

The Induction Tutor and ECT will meet throughout the induction period with progress review taking place in each term where a formal assessment is not scheduled. To review progress against the Teaching Standards, scrutinise lesson observations, identify and record achievements against the standards on the progress tracking sheet and raise concerns.

### **Formal assessment meetings**

The Induction Tutor and ECT will meet three weeks prior to the submission of report to the AB. The assessment will take the form of a professional dialogue. The report must be signed by the Induction Tutor and the ECT.

### **At risk procedures**

#### **Initial concern - the following procedures will be put into place:**

- Induction Tutor and ECT identify the difficulties
- New agreed support plans will be developed with specific support outlined for securing an improvement in practice
- Early warning of the risk of failure will be given and the school's concerns communicated to the AB without delay
- Continued concern - the Executive Head teacher and AB coordinator will support the Induction Tutor and ECT in observations and planning an appropriate programme.
- To ensure satisfactory completion of the ECT induction period and that all steps have been taken to improve the situation

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Improvements not achieved - despite the additional support, the Executive Head teacher, Induction Tutor and AB coordinator will meet with the ECT to explain their options and provide advice on next steps. The ECT will be made aware of any concerns, at all stages, throughout the induction process.

### **Addressing ECT's concerns**

If an ECT has any concerns about the induction, mentoring and support programme, these should be raised within the school in the first instance. Where the school does not resolve them the ECT should raise concerns with the AB. (Fay Jackson).

This policy is based on and follows the guidance and statutory requirements set out in <http://www.education.gov.uk/b0066959/nqt-induction> - 'Statutory guidance on induction for newly qualified teachers (England)'.