

The benefits of choosing the Schools Direct route into teaching

The schools direct route has enabled me to work in a classroom and gain practical hands on experience. So far my journey has been extremely valuable, I have been able to work alongside a teacher that offers exceptional support and have benefited enormously from being taught by an experienced teacher, rather than having heavy theory based sessions.

I have gained an insight into the daily routine of teaching and the work that is involved in planning and implementing lessons and then assessing them.

Being based in a school has allowed me to experience and gain knowledge of the roles of the other staff in the school and how the structure of the whole team is essential to support the operation of the school, which in turn provides the right atmosphere for the children to learn and develop in.

During my current placement I have been made to feel a part of the school and have been treated like one of their own from having my own pigeon hole to having my photograph with the other staff members at the entrance of the school.

The teacher has given me the opportunity to share the classroom and has also allowed me to put my own ideas and suggestions forward whilst guiding me to improve constantly. This has increased my confidence and has enabled me to settle into the classroom routine quickly and has brought out the best in me.

Through having direct hands on experience in the classroom I have been able to work with groups of children of different abilities; which has allowed me to assess and monitor their progress whilst implementing their next steps.

Being with the same class on a daily basis has made it possible for me to gain the trust and respect of the children, who I have grown to care for and consequently, I have formed positive relationships with each child. I believe that the direct experience from this long term placement is so much more beneficial than other routes to my goal of becoming an outstanding teacher.

Overall, I am very pleased to have taken this final pathway into teaching and, having chosen this route I feel that by the end of my final term I will be fully equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to begin my teaching career.

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