

Priestley Primary School
Early Career Teacher Policy
Autumn 2022



Introduction

This policy outlines how the school complies with the [Statutory Guidance for the Induction of Early Career Teachers \(ECTs\)](#) (effective from September 2021).

The policy has been adopted from Wiltshire Council and will be updated every three years, or when changes are announced.

Appointment of an Appropriate Body for ECT Induction

Prior to commencing employment, Priestley Primary School will appoint an appropriate body to oversee the induction of Early Career Teachers. Priestley Primary School have engaged Swindon and Wiltshire Teaching School Hub to oversee the induction of our Early Career Teacher's.

The post

Prior to advertising a post, the Headteacher shall decide if it is a suitable post for the induction of Early Career Teachers and mark the advertisement appropriately. To be suitable the school must be able to provide:

- An additional 10% of non-contact time in the 1st year and 5% in the 2nd year
- Access to an Early Career Framework based induction programme
- An experienced teacher with QTS to act as Induction Tutor
- An experienced teacher with QTS to act as Early Career Framework Mentor
- A post where the teacher regularly plans for the needs of the same class, or classes
- A contract that is at least 65 days in length
- The requirements outlined in Section 2.17 of the Statutory Guidance.

The Governing Body should also consider if the school has the capacity to support an Early Career Teacher, bearing in mind:

- The experience and expertise of the rest of the teaching staff
- The fact that an Early Career Teacher should not ideally mentor students, lead subjects or undertake significant numbers of additional duties.

Prior to the contract commencing, the Headteacher should give consideration as to the class/classes to be taught, ensuring that they are not unreasonably demanding for the setting.

ECF

Priestley Primary School will ensure that Early Career Teachers receive a programme of training that enables the Early Career Teacher to understand and apply the knowledge and skills set out in each of the Early Career Framework evidence ('learn that') statements and practice ('learn how to') statements.

As a school we will access a DfE funded training provider, using the Swindon and Wiltshire Teaching School Hub.

Personalised programme

Priestley Primary School believes in investing in its staff and consequently aims to provide personalised support in addition to the Early Career Framework training, which considers the developmental needs of the Early Career Teacher.

This should include:

- The opportunity to observe high quality teaching within the school and within other local schools.
- Regular meetings with a suitably trained ECF mentor and Induction Tutor to discuss emerging issues.
- A commitment to provide the opportunity to attend some external CPD as required.
- The opportunity to discuss key issues with colleagues, especially curriculum leaders, SENCOs and those responsible for pastoral care.
- Being observed by their Induction Tutor each Wiltshire term, being given written feedback and having the opportunity to discuss the lesson in a supportive environment.
- A supportive action plan that is reviewed each Wiltshire term where no more than 4 next steps are identified.
- A progress check against the Teacher Standards each seasonal term when a formal assessment does not take place (or 65 contracted days in the case of a part-time contract).

- A formal assessment against the Teacher Standards at the end of each academic year (or equivalent for part-time contracts).

Legal duties

The school will:

- Ensure the ECT is aware of the named contact for Early Career Teacher Induction is Mrs Lucy Formoy-Brown.
- Retain copies of any paperwork and completed assessment securely for 6 years. If an Early Career Teacher leaves during, or at the end of their induction year, they will be given copies of their assessments.
- Share general reports on the progress of an Early Career Teacher on a termly basis with the governing body but they are not automatically entitled to have access to an individual's assessment forms. The exception to this would be when an Early Career Teacher has raised concerns about a particular issue/assessment via the grievance procedures.
- Ensure that it meets the legal requirements detailed within the statutory Early Career Teacher induction guidance. Sections 5.3-5.7 and 5.13.

Performance

If the ECTs performance is a concern, Priestley Primary School is committed to:

- Providing additional resources to support them.
- Informing the Appropriate Body immediately if they feel their Early Career Teacher is not on track to pass induction.
- Working with the Early Career Teacher and Appropriate Body to provide action plans that cover a 20-day period detailing what the Early Career Teacher needs to do to improve and how the school will support him or her. These action plans will be reviewed systematically with a cycle of support and review continuing until the end of the academic year.

This policy to be reviewed Autumn 2025.