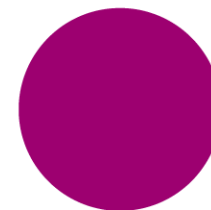




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Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT)

Join us in 2026!



Early Years Teacher Status



- Become an expert in teaching children across the Birth to 5yrs age range
- Teach in Reception class in academies and free schools
- Support of an employer while gaining your Early Years Teacher Status (GEB)
- Train for free with DfE funding (GEB and GE)
- Gain up to date subject knowledge on best practice in the Early Years
- Develop your leadership skills to support successful team development in the setting
- Increase and improve support for children and families in the Early Years



Why train with us?

Introduction to the Routes

	 Funding	 Placement	 Status	 Training
Graduate Entry Route (GE)	Fully funded by the DfE Up to £5,000 bursary	120 days of placements	Full-time training	Monthly training days
Graduate Employment-based Route (GEB)	Fully funded by the DfE £7,000 employer incentive	Typically 25-30 day school placement or second placement	Part-time training Experience needed in at least two settings (one of which must be reception)	1-2 training days a month

 You can work towards **Early Years Teacher Status** whilst being employed in an early years setting/school



Calling all childminders!

We understand that childminders have specific needs, so our offer is fully tailored to your setting and circumstances.

Pre-interview support via a call to answer questions, including funding options

Programme planning call to map your journey from start to finish, including placements

Help to find a mentor (if required) to develop your teaching across different age groups

Monthly training and networking sessions at convenient times with fellow childminders, focusing on key elements such as the Leadership Action Plan and partnership working



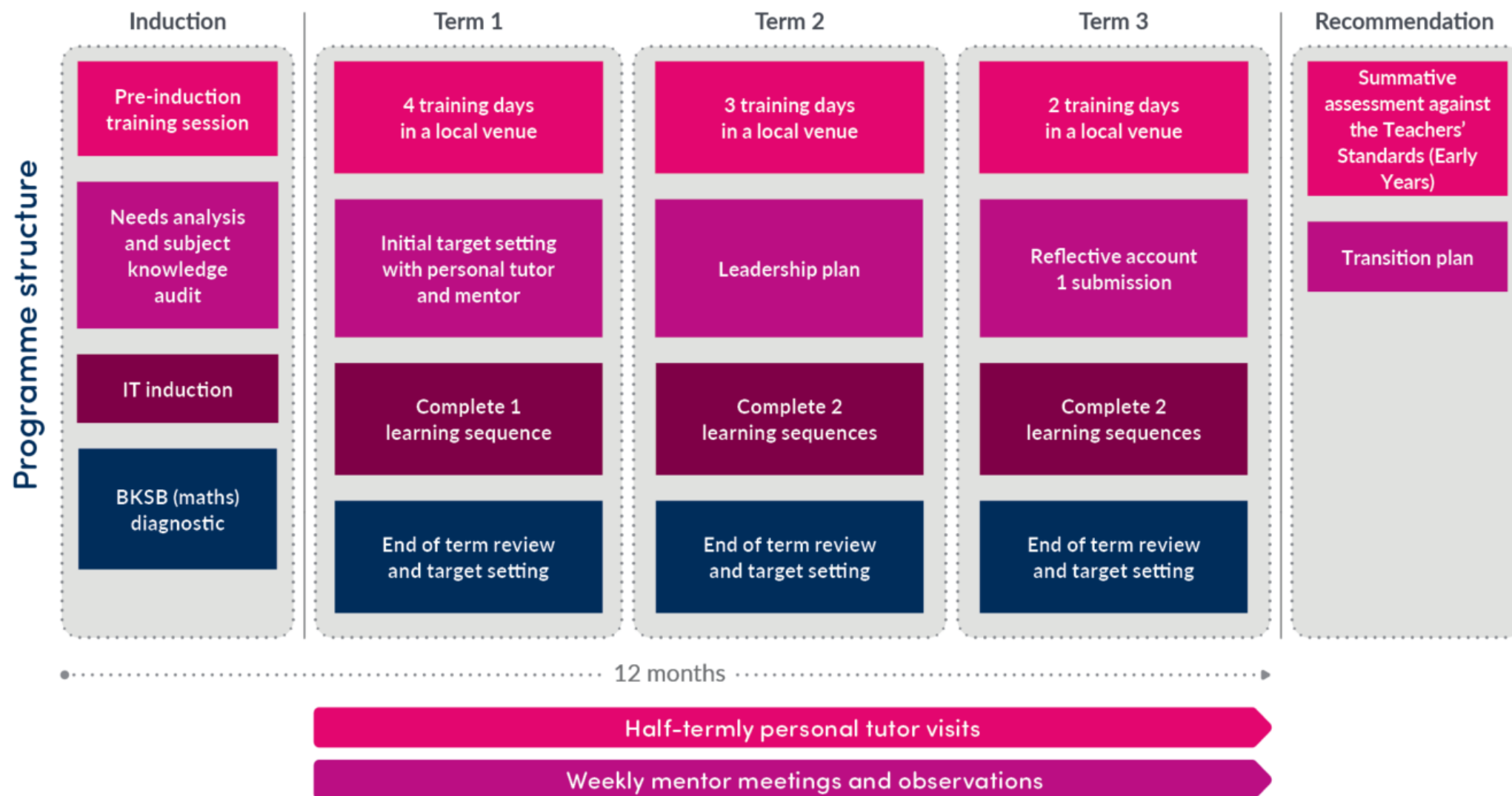
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What is the programme like?



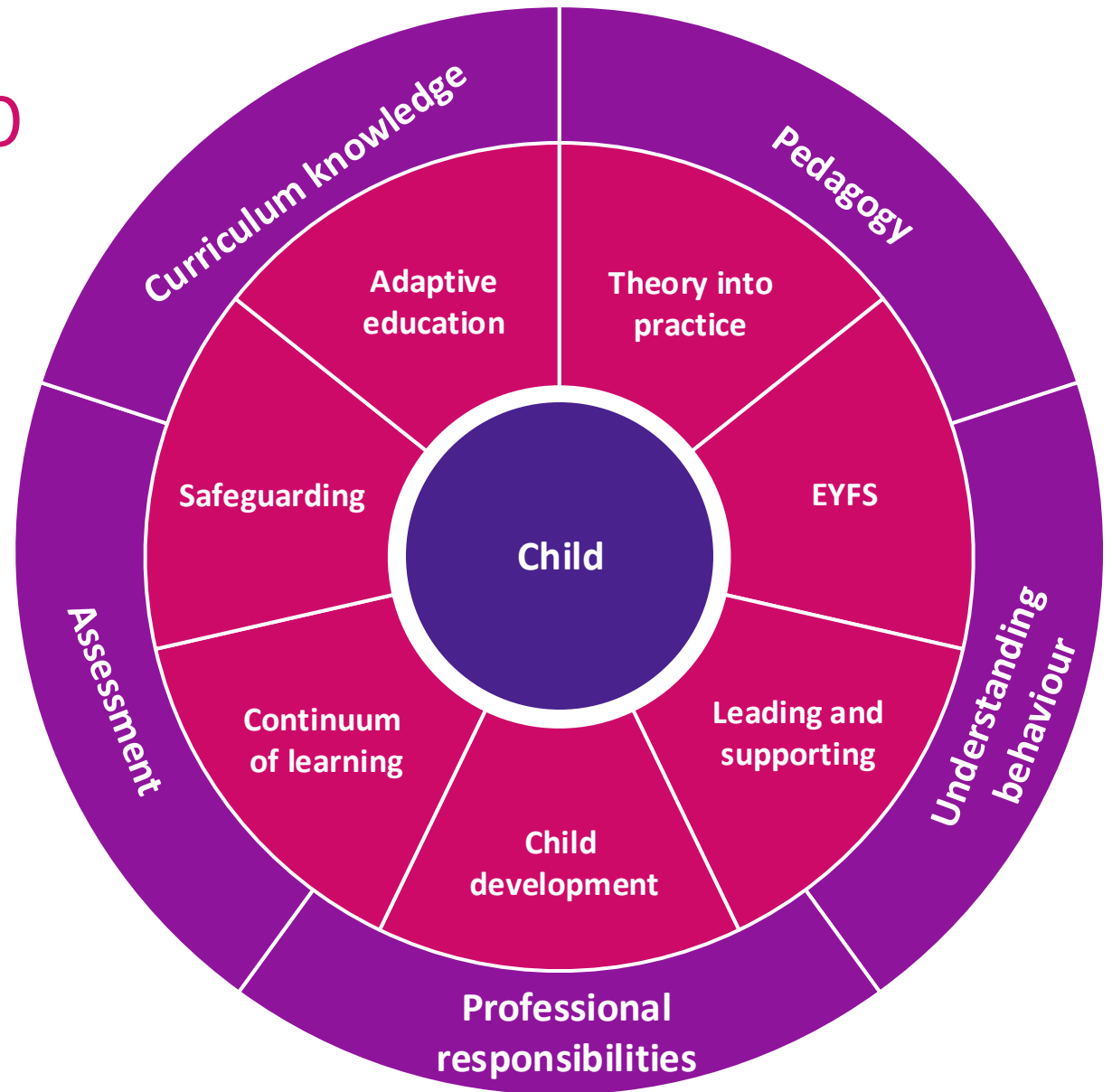
- Face to face or virtual sessions for training days
- Online platform for uploading work and assessment and accessing modules
- A dedicated personal tutor to support you throughout the programme
- A lead trainer in setting to help organise training, study time and placements
- A setting and placement mentor to support and observe you each week
- Individual plan to help you make progress and offer challenge

Programme Structure



EYITT Curriculum Map

- Our curriculum is:
- Broad and balanced
- Relevant
- Forward thinking
- Key themes for ITT
- Focus on safeguarding, leadership and well-being, will also be threaded through each training day.



Training Days

Day 1-The Effective
Early Years Teacher

Day 2-Adapting
Teaching for
the Unique Child

Day 3-Starting Strong

Day 4- Foundations for
success

Day 5-Leading and
supporting in the Early
Years

Day 6- Promoting
Equality, Diversity and
Inclusion

Day 7-Unlocking
potential and
widening opportunities

Day 8-The Reflective
EarlyYears Teacher

Final Interview (virtual)

The role of the setting/placement mentor



- Mentors are ‘expert colleagues’ who will help you to develop your skills and knowledge as an EY Teacher
- Mentors will share their experience, expertise and skills on different aspects on the curriculum
- Observe you each week and give detailed feedback
- Set SMART targets to help you progress and master the Early Years Teaching Standards
- Plan and monitor your time spent and work completed in each age group

ITT requirements for placement

- Every student must cover the age groups from 0-5 years as a minimum
- This must have variety and depth of experience to enable trainees to meet all of the Early Years Teaching Standards
- This must be in at **least 2** different settings (Rated good or Outstanding with Ofsted) Some students may need 3 settings.
- In a setting which delivers the EYFS or works to National Curriculum expectations
- GE students must complete a minimum of 120 placement days. (**At least 4 days a week**) We will support with organising placements.



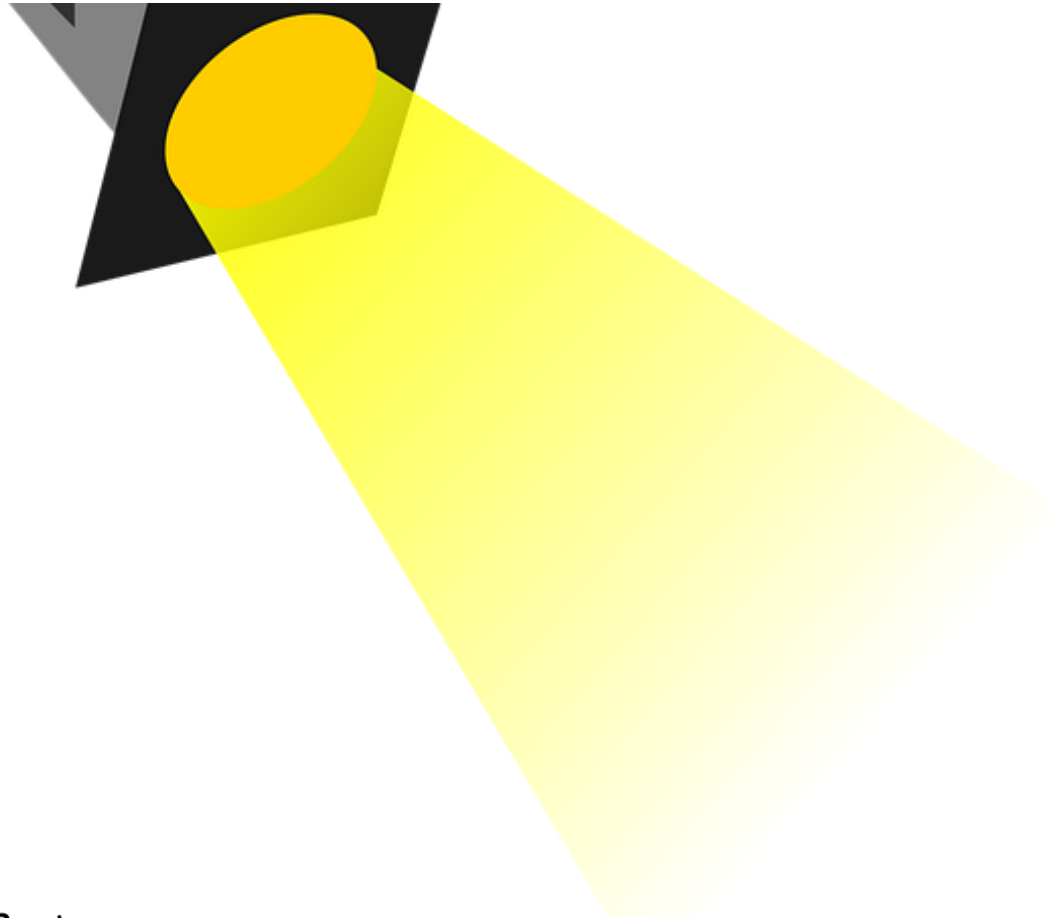
How is Early Years Teacher Status assessed?



- Formatively which leads into summative assessment
- Includes observations, a reflective account, sequences of work and termly targets
- Demonstration of mastery of the EYITT curriculum
- A summative judgement that each trainee meets the Teachers' Standards (Early Years)
- Exam board and recommendation for the award of Early Years Teacher Status



Personal Tutor Spotlight



- All Early Years specialists
- Friendly, supportive and committed to helping you succeed
- Regular communication via teams, phone and email
- Face to face visits in setting and on placement
- Tailored care and support for your individual needs
- Work in partnership with your setting mentor

What is the impact of an effective Tutor?

97% said the support received from my personal tutor throughout the programme was at a high standard.

97% said they would recommend the route to gaining EYTS to a friend or colleague.

*‘The care and dedication shown by staff towards all students is of high quality. Students are at the heart of everything. They are valued and **expertly supported** throughout the course.’*



Time to talk to the Tutor

- What would you like to know?
- Any questions to ask?
- Feel free to raise your hand or post a question in the chat box?



What are the entry criteria?

- A degree (or equivalent Level 6)
- GCSE in English, Maths and Science at grade C/ grade 4 or above.... or a recognised equivalent
- The right to study and work in the UK
- Competence in spoken and written English
- A satisfactory DBS check
- For all students: meeting the health and physical capacity to teach requirements



Equivalency Tests

GCSE Qualifications and equivalency tests

If applicants do not hold GCSEs in maths, English or science (no grade C/4 or above), they can complete equivalency tests.

*GCSE science equivalency test can be either Biology or combined.

We will accept equivalency tests from any equivalency companies, however with

<https://astarequivalency.co.uk/>

- Book 1 test: use discount code **bestpractice26off**
- All 3 tests (course + exam): Use discount code **BestPractice**



Maths for free!

If applicants require their maths equivalency test, they can complete this through BPN:

- BKS B platform
- This will enable them to meet the ITT requirements to access our programmes

*May not be valid with another provider



How can you be ready?



- Gain experience in Early years
- Read recent publications and reports
- Consider how you will manage placements
- Any adjustments needed to childcare/working hours/finances?
- Time to revise and complete equivalency tests?
- Do you need to find/re-order any qualification certificates?
- Do you need to apply for an ENIC if you have an international qualification?
- Speak to your setting to ensure their support and consider a suitable mentor?

We can help you take the next step!

Keep your eye on the website:

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Talk to our team

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