

Taster Course

The course consists of three days:

Day 1: Course Input

This will cover:

- A typical day in an English Primary school: how schools and classes are organised; different roles & responsibilities of staff
- What a teacher does: key features of teaching, assessment and learning across Foundation stage and key stages 1 & 2
- What the children do; in class, school visits, extra curricular activities
- Things to look for when on school placement: how teachers plan, work with others; manage children

Day 2: School Placement

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- Pre-brief with the class teacher in KS1
- Observe whole class teaching & group teaching
- Shadow class through the daily routine; assembly. PE lessons, playtime etc

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- Pre-brief with the class teacher in KS2
- Observe class teaching & group teaching
- Shadow class through the daily routine; assembly. PE lessons, playtime etc
- Find out about any extra curricular activities
- Find out about the roles of others in the school and how that provides support

Day 3: Course Input

- Reflection on school experience: what was good, what was problematic
- Identification of individual need; does participant need more school experience or information.
- What's next? Opportunities for careers advice; advice on application and interview for ITT courses