

The Orchard Teaching School: profile



Primary (with Special Educational Needs): 29LP

This School Direct Training route provides trainees with invaluable classroom experiences that will equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to become a teacher in either a mainstream or special school.

The aim of the programme is to enable trainees to have a deep level of understanding of teaching and learning in two educational settings. This will be achieved by trainees spending an increasing amount of time in the classroom; a focus on core teaching skills; a personalised training plan to meet trainee needs; working with outstanding practitioners on a day to day basis; and having access to training and inset in outstanding schools.

The Orchard Teaching School Partnership has engaged in Initial Teacher Training (ITT) with a number of Higher Education providers as well as local schools and colleges for a number of years. The Partnership involves a network of outstanding and good schools from mainstream, special and Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) settings.

The Orchard Teaching School Partnership has:

- provided quality ITT in Special Educational Needs
- been involved in the recruitment, selection, design and delivery of ITT
- trained outstanding teachers to be mentors, to support trainees in school and to provide moderation of school based tasks
- an outstanding record of success in providing excellent education for young people and trainee teachers

We believe in a shared responsibility with all partners involved to ensure high quality in the provision of training and support to develop and nurture trainee teachers. We aim to do this by:

- working collaboratively on the training of tomorrow's teachers
- providing a high quality school-based experience of mainstream and Special Educational Needs, as well as alternative educational settings that is current and responsive to trainee teachers needs
- working together in personalising the programme of training and support
- working together to assess and monitor trainee teachers (for qualified teacher status)
- working together to provide high quality teaching and mentoring