

ECT/ECF Bulletin w/b 4.7.22

Module 5: Fulfilling Professional Responsibilities

Teacher Standard 8: Fulfil Wider Professional Responsibilities

Week 5: Building Professional Relationships; Working Effectively with Colleagues

ECT Self Study Actions (to be completed prior to your mentor meeting)

As the final OLC session of year 1 is taking place this week (or next for one facilitation cluster) there is no self-study for ECTs to do this week. I am sure you will have plenty of other things to be getting on with though as you approach the end of term and the frenzy of activities that this brings.

Mentor Meeting Key Actions

This week you will be exploring with your ECT how to work effectively with a range of colleagues, for example, the SENCO, teaching assistants, attendance officers, career leads, pastoral leaders. Essential to this is:

- Understanding these roles and responsibilities
- Coordinating support and feeling confident to ask for advice
- Making links between their work and that of the ECT in the classroom
- Having effective communications skills

There is a particular focus in the mentor materials on safeguarding and the role of the mentor in ensuring the ECT understands the school's processes to safeguard pupils and the role of the ECT within these processes.

The meeting also looks at the different roles within a school and how the ECT can best use these colleagues.

The usual key take-away message: if mentors use comments in feedback to ECTs that are grounded in the framework, it becomes easier for the ECT to acknowledge the mentor is coming from a place of scholarship, not simply professional opinion.

Additional Information

'Conference' to introduce year 2 of the ECF

There is an expectation that all ECTs and mentors attend a conference to introduce them to year 2 of the ECF. Your induction tutors should have already told you that the date for this will be Tuesday 12th July. It will be held on Teams and unlike last year will not include direct input from UCL as I will be delivering the key messages for them. I do not anticipate the meeting will last longer than one hour. Please put this date in your diaries and if you cannot make it please let me know as I plan to run the session again in early September.

Final ECT Facilitation OLC of the year

Just a reminder that these are taking place this week unless your facilitator has told you otherwise. Your facilitator will send you a Teams or Zoom link soon. Please put this in your calendar and if you cannot attend the meeting, please let your facilitator know, and ensure you watch the recording on UCL at the end of the week, when it will be posted in the Training Session Recordings tab.

ECT end of year Statutory Induction Assessment for your Appropriate Body

Please see the message in last week's bulletin about this. I would encourage ECTs to be gathering evidence you can use to demonstrate the Teachers' Standards are being met as part of an on-going process.

Please note that because you are in the induction process for two years you will not be subject to the appraisal processes within your school for a further 12 months, although you are still eligible for pay progression at the end of year one.