

Hannah Hinds NQT in Year 1 at Westwood Primary

As a newly qualified teacher I was unsure of what to expect in my first year. I thought I would have a mentor who would meet with me and support my learning. As well as attending a few courses throughout the year.

The reality of my first year

The support I receive at school is overwhelming. All staff are supportive: showing me where to find resources, talking me through policies and procedures as well as giving me advice and a friendly ear to listen and chat to. My mentor is and has been extremely supportive throughout my NQT year. She has supported me when planning engaging lessons, preparing for professional reviews, assessing the children and inputting data as well as being a friend to whom I can call on at any point. Support through the ALT hub has also been outstanding. Attending regular CPD at Carlton Manor with other NQT's at ALT schools has been and still is invaluable. It is an opportunity to network as well as furthering my own learning. This has given me the best start to my teaching career. I feel confident, happy and content which has allowed me to have a very successful NQT year.

The support I have received has greatly influenced my NQT year. I feel well supported, mentored and respected as part of the team which has fuelled me to have a great NQT year. Without the support from Westwood Primary School and the ALT hub I don't believe my NQT year would have been as inspiring and enjoyable. SMT are relentless in bringing about change to provide better outcomes for the children. This has been through rigorous training in a supportive atmosphere.

I would recommend Westwood Primary School and the Active Learning Trust to new teachers because it is an amazing place to work. Westwood Primary School promotes a love of learning through an engaging and stimulating curriculum which is tailored to the needs of all pupils. The support from both Westwood Primary School and the Active Learning Trust has been overwhelming and has provided me with the best start to my teaching career that I could have wished for.