**Primary Initial Teacher Education: Curriculum Plan**

**Assessment: Undergraduate Programmes**

**Objectives highlighted blue indicate school based learning**

# Curriculum Intent:

Through a combination of evidence informed instruction, directed and independent reading, observation and implementation of ideas in schools, trainees will gain an increasing understanding of:

* The purposes of assessment, and how these inform the best methods of assessment to use
* The principles of assessment for learning
* The importance of integrating thinking about assessment into planning
* The key role of feedback

They will use this growing understanding to inform their planning and implementation of effective assessment and feedback strategies in the classroom.

| **Phase** | **Learn that…** | **Learn how to…** |
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| **Phase 1** | **Trainees will know:** | **Trainees will be able to:** |
| * What assessment is; the way of knowing how the children have learned. | * **Evaluate marking policies with a focus on pupil progress.** |
| * Assessment as an on-going process which happens throughout teaching and involves the children. **(LT 6.1, LT 6.6)** | * **Begin to appropriately utilise formative and summative assessment to support pupil progress.** |
| * Types of assessment; summative and formative. | * **Recognise the uses of formative and summative assessment in supporting pupil progress and adapt teaching in light of pupils’ responses**. **(LT 6.5)** |
| * Three phases to assessment * Data collection * Data analysis * Identify next steps | * Recognise and articulate the assessment cycle |
| * Feedback provides information to learners about their performance and how to improve **(LT 6.5, LT 6.6).** |
| **Trainees will understand:** | **Composite knowledge / understanding / skills**  *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***know:***   * About assessment; definition, types and phases*.*   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***understand:***   * The influence of personal experiences and professional subject knowledge on assessment of children’s learning.   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***be able to:***   * Evaluate marking policies with a focus on pupil progress. |
| * How personal experiences and professional subject knowledge can influence your assessment of children’s learning. |
| * How does formative and summative assessment support pupils' progress. **(LT 6.5)** |
| * Good assessment helps teachers avoid being over-influenced by potentially misleading factors, such as how busy pupils appear. (**LT 6.2**) |
| * **How can formative assessment strategies be effectively used to adapt teaching within lessons in light of pupils’ responses.** **(LT 6.4)** | **Assessment**  University based learning assessed formatively in PED1021 sessions  School based learning assessed by progress reports (in Assessment strand) and placement tasks |
| * The purpose of the assessment cycle to inform practice in an on-going and adaptive manner. |
| **Phase 2** | **Trainees will know:** | **Trainees will be able to:** |
| * High-quality feedback can be written or verbal; it is likely to be accurate and clear, encourage further effort, and provide specific guidance on how to improve. **(LT 6.5)** | * **Identify pupils’ next steps in learning and provide specific feedback to them** **(LT 6.5, LH 6.3)** |
| * Feedback should support pupils to monitor and regulate their own learning. **(LT 6.6)** | * **Plan formative assessment opportunities in lessons, including self and peer assessment** **(LH 6.1, LH 6.5)** |
| * Pupils should be involved in the assessment process **(LT 6.6)** | * **Utilise formative assessment strategies in identifying what pupils have done well and what they need to do to improve.** **(LH 6.5)** |
| * Pupils should be involved in the assessment process **(LT 6.6)** |
| * The uses and purpose of formative and summative assessment |
| **Trainees will understand:** | **Composite knowledge / understanding / skills**  *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***know:***   * Feedback must be high-quality and can be in unwritten or verbal form **(LH 6.13)**   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***understand:***   * Teachers use information from assessments to inform the decisions they make; in turn, pupils must be able to act on feedback for it to have an effect **(LT 6.4).**   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***be able to:***   * With expert colleagues, plan formative assessment tasks linked to lesson objectives and think ahead about what would indicate understanding. **(LH 6.1)** |
| * How formative assessment is used in the classroom |
| * How summative assessment can be used to set targets and monitor progress **(LH 6.3)** |
| * That there should be direct involvement of support staff in assessing and recording pupil progress **(LH 8.5)** |
| * What does closing the gap mean. | **Assessment**  University based learning will be formatively assessed in APD sessions, overall assessment via the Assessment reporting on professional practice progress reports. |
| * That Assessment of Learning and Assessment for Learning serve different purposes |
| **Phase 3** | **Trainees will know:** | **Trainees will be able to:** |
| * That on-going high-quality data and assessment is necessary for schools to set targets and monitor progress **(LT 6.4)** | * **Relate ways in which schools use data to set targets and monitor practice to their own practice.** |
| * The current developments in assessment in relation to testing, benchmarking and moderation. | * **Engage with individual schools’ assessment policies and interpret this in relation to tracking, reporting and workload. (LT 6.7, LH 6.16)** |
| * Ways in which schools are responding to national developments, including: * Tracking * Reporting * Workload | * **Demonstrate a deep and developed understanding of formative assessment strategies which are embedded within their own repertoire for adaptive teaching.** |
| * High-quality data is important for effective accountability to governors and parents |
| **Trainees will understand:** | **Composite knowledge / understanding / skills**  *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***know:***   * The value of tracking and reporting in relation to their practice and key developments to reflect workload.   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***understand:***   * How schools use data to set targets and monitor progress and communicate data for accountability to stakeholders.   *By the end of this phase trainees will* ***be able to:***   * Independently analyse, interpret and relate a school’s assessment policy to their own teaching practice. **(LH 6.14)** |
| * The ways in which schools track and monitor students both formatively and summatively |
| * The importance of accurate summative data |
| * The value of formative assessment in appropriately adapting teaching and to update the necessary stakeholders |
| * Why teachers must keep up to date with developments concerning assessment | **Assessment**  University based learning will be formatively assessed in APD sessions, overall assessment via the Assessment reporting on professional practice progress reports. |
| * How data can inform timely interventions to diminish gaps in learning. **(LH 6.3)** |

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