

**Recreation Road Infant School**  
**Policy for Supporting Initial Teacher Training and Other Students**

**Introduction:**

This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for supporting students at Recreation Road Infant School.

We are happy to support student teachers in their initial training and also others who show an interest in education. (eg. Speech and Language students, Educational Studies and High School students)

We believe that there are a number of benefits stemming from the deployment of students in our school:

Students

- Often bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm as well as new perspectives to education
- Provide opportunities for children to work in small groups or to have additional support
- Provide opportunities to free staff to undertake other school development
- Through debate and questioning encourage staff to consider and reflect on their own practice
- Provide links to other establishments and research

Furthermore we believe that in supporting initial teacher training we are making a commitment to the future and development of our profession.

We believe that at Recreation Road Infant School we can inspire and help grow a new generation of teachers and educational professionals.

In supporting students our school will seek to work in partnership with the Higher Education Institution or educational setting looking to that to provide major input into theoretical and subject knowledge.

Our school will provide:

- Practical class based experience with opportunities to reflect upon others' practice and that of their own
- An overview of school life and the role of teachers and support staff
- A member of staff to whom the student will be attached who will have time to advise, support, observe and make an input into the assessment of the students' work and relationships in school
- Opportunities for students to engage in professional development and dialogue

When assigning a student to a class and to a teacher, careful consideration will be given to:

- The needs of the school
- The needs of the student

It is expected that all staff contribute to supporting Initial Teacher Training but students would not be placed with a newly qualified teacher in their first two years of teaching.

Students will be given the opportunity to experience a wide range of provision and activity within our school and will be encouraged to take part in a wide range of duties and activities. Attendance at staff meetings and Professional Development days will be encouraged. Students will have full access to policies, planning and resources within our school.

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Signed.....Chair of Governors  
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