



# **BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Students Policy**

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## **Introduction**

Ballyoran Primary School recognises that qualifications and training make an important contribution to the quality of the care and education provided by schools. As part of our commitment to quality, we offer placements to students undertaking Initial Teacher Education who are completing a full-time, four-year undergraduate Bachelor of Education (BEd) with Stranmillis University College Belfast or St Mary's University College Belfast. We also welcome students who are completing a one-year postgraduate qualification in primary teaching such as a Primary Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from The University of Ulster and a Primary Postgraduate Certificate in Education Early Years from Stranmillis University College Belfast. Ballyoran Primary School also welcomes students from the further education colleges of Northern Ireland who are completing Level 2 and Level 3 in childcare related courses.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate students who are studying at a university outside of Northern Ireland.

## **Aim**

We aim to provide for students on placement with us experiences that contribute to the successful completion of their studies and that provide examples of quality practice in education. Work placement opportunities for students and prospective students can be beneficial to Ballyoran Primary School and to the students however success requires a shared understanding of the roles and responsibilities of both the teachers and the students. The opportunity to undertake work experience at Ballyoran Primary School provides students and prospective students with valuable experience and skills in an environment that complements and develops their formal learning.

We require students to keep to our confidentiality policy.

We co-operate with students' tutors to help students to fulfil the requirements of their course of study. We provide students with a short induction focusing on school policies and procedures.

We communicate a positive message to students about the value of qualifications and training.

We make the needs of the children paramount by not admitting students in numbers that hinder the essential work of the setting.

We ensure that students placed with us are engaged in relevant courses which provide the necessary background understanding of children's development and activities.

## **Safeguarding & Child Protection**

All students will have successfully completed an Access NI Check prior to undertaking any experience at Ballyoran Primary School. During the induction session students will be provided with a copy of our Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers and a Student Handbook.

## **Monitoring**

Ballyoran Primary School is committed to providing an identified member of staff to act as supervisor and mentor for the work placement students. Mrs McConville is responsible for overseeing students who are completing work experience at Ballyoran Primary School.