



Jack Madgwick - Primary

The year you trained with us
2020-21

Why are you glad you chose to train with us?

There are so many reasons I'm glad I chose to train with Wildern Partnership SCITT. If I had to choose my top two they would be:

Getting to spend so much time in school and face to face with the children. One main placement and a shorter second placement, has benefitted and influenced how I work now hugely. This is one thing I am really grateful for. I found being in a school setting invaluable, benefiting from being able to ask questions to such a range of people in the school: new teachers, teachers that have been teaching for years, other students, LSAs, head teachers... the list goes on!

Secondly, the support and teaching from all involved with making the programme so fantastic. Things I didn't even consider were taken care of. I never felt like I couldn't ask a question. The organisation and communication from the second I pressed apply was amazing. There is nothing I would change, it was excellent.

Where has your work life taken you so far?

I am currently a Year 2 teacher at a local primary school and I can honestly say that my job satisfaction is incredibly high. I have a great support network of colleagues, teachers and friends, along with a class that make every teaching day so enjoyable.

What's challenging about teaching?

There are so many challenges. Feeling so responsible for a class of children: what they learn, how they learn, how they feel, wanting them to enjoy coming into school, it is a huge responsibility. There is a lot of work in teaching, it goes a lot further than just the school day and it's been a really big challenge to get the work/life balance right. With the support of those at school it has become so much better than it was and, to be honest, there is still work to be done here, but it is something we are working on together, support I really appreciate.

Equally why have you chosen to continue in teaching?

When something you're teaching clicks for a child, when they can show they understand and apply it, it is the most rewarding feeling ever. Seeing them progress, improve acquire and apply their knowledge is the reason I continue teaching. Aside from this massive reason, my favourite moment of the day is when the children come into the classroom first thing in the morning. To see them happy and excited for a day in school is so rewarding.

Where do you hope to develop?

Right now, I am so happy as a teacher. I'm happy focusing on completing my ECT years as best as I can and then, who knows. I'll see what the next chapter of teaching holds when this milestone is passed, but whatever it is, I am very excited about it.

