



**LIVERPOOL HOPE
UNIVERSITY**

175 YEARS OF ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE

Professional Placement Frequently Asked Questions:

Will there be placements this year?

We have worked closely with our partnership to look at how we can ensure school placements take place this year. Trainees will be allocated a placement however they may look different from school to school depending on their own arrangements. Your training will still be high quality and prepare you for becoming a Hope Teacher.

Will I still be able to graduate if I am not able to complete the recommended days on placement?

As you are aware normally you would be expected to complete a set number of days in a variety of placement settings however due to COVID-19 the Department for Education has relaxed some of this criterion and has provided the university with flexibility as long as there is evidence you have met all of the Teachers Standards. This means that if your placement has been disrupted you may still be able to gain QTS as long as you can demonstrate you have met all of the Teachers Standards.

How will I be assessed?

The trajectory assessment approach will not apply to this year's cohort, and you will be required to meet the Teachers' Standards in full. Comprehensive guidance will be provided by your course tutor to support you with this important element of the course.

What happens if an area or school goes into lockdown?

Whilst on placement students are advised to follow the placement provider's policies and guidelines in line with local risk assessments.

Students with any concerns should seek guidance and support from their Professional Placement Tutor. You may be required to participate in alternative teaching activities during an isolation or lockdown period. Each school will have their own lockdown response plan and we ask that you keep involved as much as you can and be as helpful as you can to assist your placement provider in what is likely to be a very stressful and unprecedented time.

Will I have to make up missed placement days?

We want trainees to receive a course that is as complete as possible so that you are confident as you embark on your first teaching position. Where possible we would expect trainees to continue supporting the teaching in their placement school (for example through the use of online learning) as per the school lockdown process. Where days have been missed it may be necessary for you to complete additional days in order to demonstrate you have met all of the Teaching Standards.

What do I do if I develop symptoms of COVID 19 whilst on placement?

1. Inform your school and the university partnership via email, partnershipoffice@hope.ac.uk
2. Go to your place of residence immediately and isolate yourself from others.
3. Notify the university by emailing covid@hope.ac.uk
4. Book a COVID test through the NHS website and remain in isolation.
5. Notify the university and partnership of the outcome of the test by emailing partnershipoffice@hope.ac.uk and covid@hope.ac.uk
6. Follow the instructions given by the COVID Control Team.