



## SCHOOL CENTRED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

Warwickshire Early Years Hub (WEYH) & CREC/Teach First Partnership

**One year, full-time school based route to qualification as an Early Years or early Primary Teacher with QTS**

*If you enjoy working with young children and feel passionate about teaching, then this course is ideal for you. It will equip you with skills to work with children through their most crucial stages of development. It will qualify you to teach across the primary phase and to specialise in teaching ages 3 to 7 years.*



### Overview and Programme Philosophy

The WEYH/CREC Early Years Partnership (CEYP) School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme offers a one year full-time school-based route to becoming a primary teacher with an early years or early primary specialism and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Our core aim is to help you become a confident, knowledgeable and highly employable teacher with a passion for working with young children, to give them the best starting point in life, whatever their circumstances.

Our high-quality mentors and tutors have extensive practical experience and will help you succeed by offering consistent guidance and personalised support throughout the course.

Alongside the **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)**, awarded by Teach First, this course also carries a **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)** awarded by Sheffield Hallam University.

The course has been devised to develop high-quality teachers to work in the early years settings and primary schools. In addition to covering all [Teaching Standards](#), the course includes an emphasis on multi-agency working, leadership in the [EYFS](#), working with 2-year-olds, SEND, and practitioner research.

The SCITT programme is run by a team of highly experienced teacher educators, sector specialists and placement mentors.



### What do I need to apply ?

- ✓ Grade 4 (C) or above in English, maths and science, or equivalent qualification. Candidates with pending GCSEs will be considered.
- ✓ An undergraduate degree awarded by a UK higher education provider or recognised equivalent qualification.



**Other requirements:** DBS clearance, and 'fitness to work' occupational health checks will be carried out prior to commencing the course.

Although there is no minimum requirement for work experience in schools/early years settings, we do expect applicants to be able to describe and reflect upon the way in which schools and teachers operate and how children learn.

## What do we look for ?

We are seeking trainees who can demonstrate:

- ✓ A commitment to teaching and learning, particularly with reference to Early Years.
- ✓ An understanding of children as learners.
- ✓ An understanding of educational issues.
- ✓ Recent experience of working with children/young people in an early years setting/school/out-of-school provision.
- ✓ A satisfactory standard of written and spoken English.
- ✓ An ability to use ICT.
- ✓ An ability to establish effective working relationships.
- ✓ An ability to take responsibility for your own professional development
- ✓ Resilience

**Quote from a previous trainee:** "I got to experience both the early years and primary educational settings which offered a breadth of opportunities, allowing me the chance to work alongside children with special educational needs and find strategies to support children of all abilities. A truly rewarding experience. It's hard to sum up a year in a few words but if you are passionate about becoming a teacher and you want to work alongside children, supporting their development as a whole, whilst receiving incredible support yourself by a dedicated team, then CREC is definitely the route to take."

## How do I apply?

- Anyone interesting in starting their teacher training with WEYH and the CREC/Teach First partnership in September 2025 can find out more at:  
<https://www.crec.co.uk/itt>
- Applications are made through the DfE 'Apply' portal using the course code 2MZV:  
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>
- For any specific queries please contact the WEYH Coordinator Michelle Hutton on  
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