

## Waddington All Saints Primary teachers' views on benefits of ITT

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Student teachers in school are important first and foremost because if we are to have teachers of an appropriate quality graduating and coming into the profession then we must invest in them as they train.

They also bring a freshness into school. Having new faces and personalities in school for a short period of time has the potential to energise the school and relationships within it.

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It makes you more reflective of your own practice. Having a trainee gives pupils an opportunity to work in a range of ways as teachers tend to have their own personal style.

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ITT students give us a chance to share good practice and refine our teaching. Through the mentoring and coaching of students we can justify and reason the pedagogy that takes place in the classroom.

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It gives teachers the chance to reflect upon what is good and effective practice as they provide support and guidance to the trainee. They may, in reflecting upon their own practice, be more effective once they regain responsibility for the class.

The teacher may well find themselves with time away from teaching commitment that will give them professional development opportunities or provide capacity of the school to carry through developments that would otherwise require supply teachers to provide the release.

It gives less experienced teachers the opportunity to recognise how far they have developed since completion of training and to reflect in a meaningful way upon their developing philosophy and how some approaches may be different but not necessarily wrong.

It gives teachers the opportunity to re-engage with the expected standards required of a teacher and this can also lead to reflection and personal development.

It gives teachers receiving students the opportunity to watch their pupils respond to a different personality and approach. They can observe their pupils in their learning uninhibited by the requirement to be responsible for their learning within the session.

Children are provided with enriching experiences by trainees who have up to date knowledge from HEIs. Staff are also kept in touch with what is happening within and the latest thinking happening at college.