

Vicky – Aged 21 – recent graduate
Training year 16-17

Vicky studied Child Psychology at university and had worked in school on short placements as part of her degree, she found that she loved working with children and that teaching was for her. Vicky lived in North Yorkshire, with her parents and was studying to pass her driving test when she applied to the programme.

Vicky was placed in a larger town school in Harrogate and loved working in a team approach to planning. There were some difficult characters in the class and Vicky worked hard in the first term to master behaviour management of the Key Stage 1 class. Vicky's tutor became ill during the first term and Vicky was moved to another class in the school.

"I was really worried when my tutor became ill, it was clear that it was going to take a while for them to get better and I was anxious that I wouldn't get the support I needed to pass the programme. As soon as the school knew that the teacher wouldn't be back in a couple of days, they spoke to the SCITT and I was moved into a new class. The teacher was trained in the same week to support me correctly and it felt that everything was thought of. They talked to me about the change of class and the change of year group, and I moved to a Year 3/4 class with a different teacher. I found that I loved the age group even more than the young ones and loved the deeper subject knowledge."

Second placement was in a very different school. "It was smaller and had much higher levels of children with English as an Additional Language. It was a very different approach, but wonderful to see how the skilled teachers supported the children when they arrived at the school. The children were very quickly taking part in class for all lessons during the day."

Vicky had a personal interest in geography and was able to use this to take on planning of geography lessons across the whole phase on her return to main placement.

Vicky had set her heart on working in one particular school but wasn't offered the job after interview.

Late in the summer term, She applied for a job in a nearby town in upper key stage 2 and passed her driving test after gaining qualified teacher status (QTS). Vicky is working hard and is enjoying teaching and is taking on more responsibility in her school. She loves to travel in the school holidays and has been to three continents over the last three years. She continues to run in North Yorkshire and looks amazing.

Names and some details have been changed to protect the identity of the person.