

1 Working in a classroom



3 Assisting teachers and ancillaries



5 Interviewing staff



Observing pupils at play



9 Talking to pupils



2 Observing staff



4 Reading to and with pupils



6 Preparing art and play materials



8 Supporting pupils with their work



10 Helping to keep work places tidy

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Work Experience IN SCHOOLS





Work Experience Learning Framework for Pre-16 Students

Questions to ask

1 Background to the school

- a. How many pupils at the school? Where do they come from?
- b. How many staff are employed? What types of job do they do?
- c. How is the school managed?
- d. What information does the school put into its prospectus?

- Organisation of the School
 - a. What are the main departments in the school?
- b. What is the schools' admission policy?
- c. What are the rules which pupils need to know and follow?
- d. What help do teachers receive in and out of the classroom?

- **2** Working conditions
 - a. What rights and responsibilities do staff have?
- b. How are disagreements resolved?
- c. What do teachers do in the long holidays?
- d. Is there a registered trade union or staff association?

- **Employment** in education
 - a. How do you become a teacher?
- b. What responsibilities do teachers have?
- c. How do you become a headteacher?
- d. What other jobs are there in schools? What qualifications do they require?

- **5** Health and safety
 - a. What health and safety rules do staff need to be aware of?
- b. What are the most common types of accidents in the school?
- c. What happens when there is an emergency?
- d. Do staff receive any special training to deal with emergencies?

- Children care
 - a. What is important to know about child care in schools?
- b. What is meant by the term 'in loco parentis'?
- c. Do many parents complain? What about?
- d. How are parents complaints dealt with?

- **7** Equal Opportunities
 - a. Has the school a policy for equal opportunities? If yes, what does it state?
- b. Do pupils have any rights?
- c. Can anybody come to this school?
- d. Is there a complaints' procedure for grievances?

- Administration
 - a. What administrative systems are used?
- b. How is the school funded?
- c. How are records on pupils kept?
- d. Which outside organisations regularly visit the school?

- **O** Health promotion
 - a. How does the school promote health education?
- b. Who visits the school to promote health education? What do they do?
- c. How is healthy eating promoted by the school?
- d. Does the school have a drugs education policy? What does it state?

- **1** The future
 - a. What changes do you expect to take place in the next ten years?
- b. How do you think schools will react to those changes?
- c. Are your pupil numbers expected to rise or fall? What will happen if they do?
- d. What are in the School Improvement Plans for the next 5 years?

