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Subject: Ofsted research: primary Initial teacher education curriculum  
To:

Dear colleague,

Ofsted’s research team is carrying out a study exploring curriculum quality in initial teacher education (ITE) provision for trainees. As part of the study, we are particularly interested in identifying factors that may be linked with curriculum quality. The findings of this work will feed into the design of the new ITE framework proposed for September 2020.

We are, therefore, carrying out initial exploratory research with stakeholders in the sector to understand their views on their current curriculum provision. We would be grateful if you could circulate this email along with the questionnaire link below to the**ITE programme leads** in your provision to contribute to the study. This is their opportunity to help shape the new framework:

[Primary ITE Questionnaire](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/primary_ite/)

The questionnaire should be completed by midnight on**9 April 2019** at the latest. It will take between 30 and 40 minutes to complete. Further information on the study design and a privacy notice are attached to this e-mail.

We are also seeking views on ITE curriculum from trainees and newly qualified teachers. We would appreciate if you could distribute the following two questionnaires as well. The first to **trainees** within your provision and the second to **teachers** in the first few years of their career at your partnership schools:

[Trainee Questionnaire](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ite_trainees/)

[NQT Questionnaire](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ite_nqt/)

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If you have any queries or concerns, please let us know by emailing us on: [Research\_Questionnaires@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:Research_Questionnaires@ofsted.gov.uk) and include 'ITE curriculum project' in the subject line.  
  
Your views are very important to us and we would greatly appreciate your help with completing and disseminating this questionnaire.

Thank you very much in advance.

Best wishes

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