

## Get ready for PGCE Early Years 0-5 (EYTS)

I hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the PGCE Early Years 0-5 (EYTS).

I have provided some information below that will help you prepare to prepare for starting with us.

I look forward to meeting you in September.

**Melissa Arrowsmith**

Programme Lead

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### Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 8 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block webpage](#) for more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

### Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

### Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. You will receive an email from the University inviting you to register online. You can find guidance and support information on our [Registration](#) webpage.

## **ID card - upload your photo now**

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

## **Engage with your programme**

### **Read around your subject**

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) webpages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- Palaiologou, I. (2021) *The early years foundation stage : theory and practice* Fourth edition. Washington, D.C, SAGE Publications Ltd.
- Moss, P. and Clark, A. (2017) *Listening to young children: a guide to understanding and using the Mosaic approach* National Children's Bureau.
- Leeson, C. and Campbell-Barr, V. (2016) *Quality and Leadership in the Early Years: Research, Theory and Practice* *Quality and Leadership in the Early Years: Research, Theory and Practice*. [online]. London, SAGE Publications.

## **Be prepared**

### **Access support**

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

### **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

## **Who to contact if you have questions**

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Melissa Arrowsmith** via email at [melissa.arrowsmith@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:melissa.arrowsmith@uwe.ac.uk) or [nicola.bowden-clissold@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.bowden-clissold@uwe.ac.uk)

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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