

### **Extract from the Mentor news letter**

There is no mentor meeting centrally at Christmas or Easter but instead the twin mentor (Spring term) should visit the parent school before Christmas, and the parent mentors should come and see the trainee teach during the last weeks of their twin placement, just before Easter.

In this way you can share mentoring skills, and discuss progress of your trainee. Since this is in place of a central mentor meeting you should be given time out of the normal budget if supply cover is needed. Please sort out arrangements mutually.

We have asked the trainees to initiate the process by communicating with their Twin mentor to suggest some suitable times - preferably last period in the day so that some of the visit can be in non-contact time, so won't involve supply cover, and preferably a lesson normally taken by the parent mentor because both mentors need to watch and make a written crit. of the lesson.

At the visit mentors should

- observe a lesson together with the 'home' mentor (if this last lesson in the day less supply cover is needed)
- each make a written lesson observation
- follow the lesson by a debriefing for the trainee together,
- meet together to share good mentoring practice (with or without the trainee being present)
- discuss targets for the trainee's next placement (with or without the trainee being present).

From Keith Ross, University of Gloucestershire