

# Learning & Teaching

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## Learning & Teaching Conference (Spring 2022)

### Eat, Sleep, Teach... Pause: Re-Thinking How We Do The Everyday, Every Day

Led by **Mark Creasy**

#### Overview...

The day is designed to get everyone considering their own practice and to consider changes (big and small, immediate and delayed, classroom-focused and whole school) that can be made to achieve at least the same results - if not better, with less effort, stress and risk of burnout. Using real-life examples, all drawn from personal experience, as well as hands-on practical activities to allow colleagues to experience the process the day will have three key foci:

#### Session 1 - Games for learning and starting the learning off

In this session we will explore how you create an environment where the children not only want to come in but actually break into a sprint from the gate to get to class! We will consider the messages we give, deliberately and unintentionally, and how we can shape the day from its opening minutes - if not the night before. Also, given the focus on children 'knowing and remembering more', how can games plant these seeds and make your life so much easier?

#### Session 2 - Making every minute count, not counting every minute

This session will ask a simple but fundamental question "What's going on inside your classroom?". Building on Session 1, we will consider how you not only maintain control but give it away to get more back. I will challenge everyone to consider how they work and to free anyone who feels they are a slave to the curriculum - recognising that time is our most valuable commodity and that we can't afford to waste it.

#### Session 3 - Taking control of what's out of your control: playtime & lunchtime, home learning and working with parents

Of course, all of this is in your control if you make it - I will look to empower colleagues to take ownership as well as responsibility for all of these aspects and yet, instead of being cowed by them, taking the freedom this control allows (even with those parents!).

#### Speaker Profile...

**Mark Creasy** is an Independent Thinking Associate and experienced Primary School Teacher. His contemporary and down-to-earth style of teaching has allowed him to view learning as a tool, not a rule, to ensure that his pupils are given the right to an education that suits their needs and maximises their potential for future success. Mark's latest book 'Independent Thinking on Primary Teaching: Practical Strategies for Working Smarter not Harder' was published in February 2022.



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