

Originally born and bred in Essex, I thoroughly enjoyed the city life. I then moved to Birmingham for many years commuting to Dover every day! I could do it back then! Now firmly settled in Buckinghamshire I enjoy the inspiring outdoors and the natural beauty it offers.

I have been a teacher at Dover Down for 14 years. I started my teaching career at Dover as a student teacher in 2004.

I have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to experience teaching across all the year groups, apart from Reception, and both Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2. I thoroughly enjoy teaching in all year groups and couldn't really say which has been the best!

I am fortunate to be given the significant role of leading Maths, ICT, School Council and Key Stage 1 coordinator at Dover.

A few years ago, I completed my National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) where I have gained greater understanding and knowledge of how to strategically lead and develop a school effectively as part of the leadership team. Being Key Stage 2 coordinator allowed me to use these skills effectively.

Last year I successfully completed my National Award for Special Educational Needs (PGCE) and hope to support Dover Down in managing SEND across the school.

This academic year I have signed up to complete a Masters in Special Educational Needs! I very much enjoyed completing my SENDCo PGCE and gained such an insight that I wanted to take this forward and continue my professional development in this area. I have always had an interest in meeting the needs of all individuals and specifically to remove barriers for children with SEND.

For me learning is an active part of life. The creative curriculum, which was introduced at Dover 4 years ago, has been an extremely positive step for Dover. It is inspirational for both teachers and learners. It has made learning motivational and successful. I just love transforming my classroom into something 'WOW' just to see the reaction on the children's faces when they come in, it is truly magical! I am extremely passionate about teaching and learning and ensuring children's full potential is achieved, through preparing fun,

engaging lessons and then watching children's enthusiasm and love for learning unfold.

Weekends are dedicated to family time, making fond precious memories and providing every opportunity for my children to have FUN! Absolutely love it!!

Doverly is a warm, friendly and caring school with a reputation for achievement and learning. We provide exceptional education for all, rich in opportunities within an inspiring and supportive environment, developing the characters of our young children in preparation for their future. It is a great privilege to work with such a wonderful team of dedicated staff, all wanting to ensure children achieve their very best.

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